## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 516

In Memory of J.D. Strickel

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of San Antonio in mourning the loss of J.D. "Shady" Strickel, who died March 7, 2007, at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, Shady Strickel was born in Beaumont on March 8, 1928; he attended Saint Edward's Academy in Austin and earned a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University in 1949; a devoted alumnus, he recognized that Texas A&M University taught him many valuable skills, such as discipline, loyalty, and the ability to create and maintain enduring friendships; and

WHEREAS, He proudly served his country as a lieutenant during the Korean War; he was a co-owner of Walsh and Strickel Construction and later owned Strickel Construction Company; in 1980, he pursued a different line of business and opened the exclusive Martini Club; and

WHEREAS, Shady Strickel was a founding member of Aggie Diehards and the Martini Foundation; he was an active member of the 12th Man Club and the Touchdown Club; he was well known for his infectious laughter, for his daily luncheons, and for always making time for his friends; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he will long be remembered with affection and admiration by all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of J.D. Strickel: his wife, Betty; his daughters, Jan Sheffield and Linda Godinez; his son, Jeff Strickel; and his grandsons, Austin and Colby Sheffield and Ethan and Dylan Godinez; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of J.D. Strickel.

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## President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 22, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate