

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a renowned artist and horseman drew to a
2 close with the passing of Jim Reno of Kerrville on November 1, 2008,
3 at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Considered to be one of the world's top sculptors of
5 equestrian subjects, Mr. Reno created monumental bronze images of
6 famous racehorses as well as a variety of western-themed works; his
7 knowledge of his subjects came from firsthand experience, and he
8 enjoyed a successful career as a trainer of cutting horses in
9 addition to his accomplishments as an artist; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Reno was born on March 14, 1929, in Wheeling,
11 West Virginia, and was raised in Indiana; his love of horses began
12 at age seven, when he got a job cleaning stalls at the county
13 fairgrounds, and his fascination with the animals later inspired
14 him to depict them in drawings and wood carvings; his talent earned
15 him a scholarship to the John Herron Art Institute in Indianapolis,
16 where he completed his formal studies; and

17 WHEREAS, Following his graduation in 1952, he headed for the
18 Lone Star State, hoping to become a full-time artist; when
19 commissions failed to materialize, he supported himself as a horse
20 trainer, and his work with cutting horses became an important and
21 enduring part of his life; he won acclaim for winning steeds such as
22 Madida, Sab, and Shorty Lena, and he and his wife, Mary Jo,
23 ultimately built a respected training operation at their ranch in
24 Kerrville; Mr. Reno was a prominent figure in the National Cutting

1 Horse Association, serving as president and as a member of the
2 executive board, and he was inducted into the NCHA Hall of Fame; and

3 WHEREAS, His success as an artist required perseverance, but
4 in time, word of his abilities began to spread; his major
5 breakthrough came in 1973, when he was commissioned by the owner of
6 racehorse Secretariat to create a monument to the Triple Crown
7 winner; a second statue that he made of the famed Thoroughbred
8 stands at the entrance to the Kentucky Horse Park, and other pieces
9 by Mr. Reno are found at the headquarters of the American Quarter
10 Horse Association in Amarillo, on the Texas Walk of Heroes at Sea
11 World in San Antonio, and at the Houston Astrodome; in total, he
12 completed 16 large-scale sculptures as well as numerous smaller
13 ones that are prized by collectors; and

14 WHEREAS, Through his lifelong love of horses and the western
15 culture they symbolize, Jim Reno realized many notable achievements
16 in two fields of endeavor, and he leaves behind a wealth of
17 inspiring artwork to be appreciated by his fellow Texans; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jim Reno and extend
21 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Mary
22 Jo Schrock Reno; to his children, Kathy Boone and her husband, Dan,
23 Jimmy Reno and his wife, Carmen, Johnny Reno and his wife, Amy,
24 Charlie Coon and his wife, Caryn, Mike Coon, and Scotty Eisaman and
25 his wife, Tami; to his grandchildren, Kelly Reina, Jill Smetek,
26 Jodie Cerny, Travis Reno, Tyler Reno, Kendall Coon, Cyndi Coon, and
27 Marty Boone; to his great-grandchildren, Bailey Reina, Rylee Reina,

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1 Chance Cerny, Cassie Cerny, and Julie Smetek; and to his other
2 relatives and friends; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day it do so in memory of Jim Reno.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 39 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House