

By: Hochberg

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and colleagues mourn the loss of
2 Dr. Harb S. Hayre of Houston, who died on November 18, 2008, at the
3 age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Harb Hayre was born on July 12, 1929, in the village
5 of Littran, in the Punjab region of India, and he earned his
6 bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from the University of
7 Punjab; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1949, Mr. Hayre immigrated to the United States,
9 where he earned a second bachelor's degree and a master's degree in
10 electrical engineering from the University of California at
11 Berkeley; he received his doctorate in electrical engineering from
12 the University of New Mexico in 1960; and

13 WHEREAS, After working in the private sector and teaching at
14 the University of Massachusetts and the University of Kansas, he
15 was named a professor of electrical engineering at the University
16 of Houston in 1965; and

17 WHEREAS, As an active member of his profession, Dr. Hayre
18 served as regional director of the Institute of Electrical and
19 Electronics Engineers, which recognized him in 1980 with a
20 Professional Achievement Award; he was also president of the Texas
21 Faculty Association; and

22 WHEREAS, Dr. Hayre was a strong presence in his community,
23 serving as the honorary consul of India in Houston and consulting
24 with U.S. officials on immigration issues; he was politically

1 engaged as well, working with the Democratic Party and Common
2 Cause, and he helped found India House in Houston, which promotes
3 Indian culture and offers social services and health care to the
4 community; he was an elder of Pines Presbyterian Church; and

5 WHEREAS, During his retirement, Dr. Hayre continued to invent
6 and develop electronic and medical devices, and he returned to
7 India often and created a foundation to provide school uniforms and
8 computers to Indian elementary schools; and

9 WHEREAS, Harb Hayre was a learned and compassionate man who
10 devoted much of his time, energy, and expertise to helping others
11 and to fostering understanding and acceptance between the cultures
12 of India and the United States; his wisdom, passion for life, and
13 generosity will long be remembered by all those who knew and loved
14 him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Harb S. Hayre and
17 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife
18 of 51 years, Santosh Hayre; to his sons, Lali Hayre and his wife,
19 Susan, and Paul Hayre and his wife, Jeannette; to his daughter,
20 Sheila Hayre, and her husband, Pericles; to his brother, Sajjan
21 Hayre; to his sisters, Nachatar Johl, Dalbir Johl, and Raghbir
22 Bajwa; to his grandchildren, Shane, Jackie, Alex, Nicky,
23 Siddhartha, and Maya; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
24 be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Harb S.
4 Hayre.