

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A landmark institution in the Fayette County
2 business community commemorates a milestone in 2009 as Koenig &
3 Strickland Funeral Home celebrates its centennial; and

4 WHEREAS, The company was founded in May 1909 by August
5 Koenig, one of the state's first licensed embalmers; in 1924, Mr.
6 Koenig formed a partnership with Louis H. Mueller, and the business
7 they operated in downtown La Grange was originally known as Koenig
8 and Mueller Funeral Directors and Embalmers; it was renamed Koenig
9 Funeral Home in 1928, when Gilbert Koenig, August Koenig's son,
10 bought Mr. Mueller's stake in the company; Gilbert Koenig went on to
11 direct the funeral home for 40 years and also won several
12 appointments and elections, serving 19 years on the La Grange City
13 Council, a two-year term as the city's mayor, and three years as
14 chair of the State Board of Morticians; and

15 WHEREAS, In 1977, Gilbert Koenig sold the business to Billy
16 Peel, who operated it as the Koenig-Peel Funeral Home; in 1997, it
17 became the Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home, and the enterprise now
18 includes three satellite offices, Jecmenek Chapel in Ellinger,
19 Knesek Chapel in Fayetteville, and Zaskoda Chapel in Industry, in
20 addition to the main location in La Grange; although a 1999 fire
21 claimed the iconic Art Deco building that once housed the La Grange
22 location, the company rebuilt on the footprint of the original
23 structure and remains a respected member of the city's business
24 community; and

1 WHEREAS, Coinciding with the firm's centennial is the
2 appointment of a new general manager, Robert J. Falcon, who draws on
3 more than two decades of experience in the funeral industry; under
4 his direction, Koenig & Strickland is beginning its second century
5 of providing dedicated service to the communities that it serves,
6 and this venerable company is indeed deserving of recognition
7 during this momentous anniversary year; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home on the
10 occasion of its centennial and extend to the management and staff
11 sincere best wishes for continued success; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for the company as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.

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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

H.R. No. 469

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 469 was adopted by the House on
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Chief Clerk of the House