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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Words fail to adequately express the sorrow felt at  
2 the untimely loss of Michael Snow Stevens of Houston, who passed  
3 away on May 24, 2008, at the age of 58; and

4           WHEREAS, Michael Stevens was born on November 2, 1949, to  
5 Darrell and Marianne Stevens; after graduating from Robert E. Lee  
6 High School, he earned a bachelor's degree in business  
7 administration from the University of Houston in 1973; answering  
8 his nation's call to service, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps; and

9           WHEREAS, In his professional life, Mr. Stevens earned a  
10 reputation as a skilled businessman, and the company he created,  
11 Michael Stevens Interests, Inc., acquired and managed more than 80  
12 real estate projects; through his involvement in both commercial  
13 and nonprofit ventures at the local level, he helped advance the  
14 revitalization of downtown Houston, and he oversaw the financing  
15 and development of many important multimillion-dollar projects,  
16 including the Hilton Americas Convention Hotel, the Houston Astros'  
17 Minute Maid Park, and the Houston Texans' Reliant Stadium; and

18           WHEREAS, Mr. Stevens also played a central role in the  
19 creation of Homes for Houston, an initiative that led to the  
20 construction or improvement of some 20,000 units of affordable  
21 housing, and he was appointed as Houston's first assistant to the  
22 mayor for housing and inner city revitalization, a position for  
23 which he collected the nominal annual salary of one dollar; as chair  
24 of the Building and Interiors Committee at the Baylor College of

1 Medicine, he was instrumental in the construction of many new  
2 campus buildings, including a one-million-square-foot hospital and  
3 clinic; and

4 WHEREAS, This community-minded developer also shared his  
5 expertise in transportation issues through his service as chair of  
6 the Transportation Task Force of the Governor's Business Council,  
7 as vice chair of the Greater Houston Partnership Transportation and  
8 Infrastructure Advisory Committee, and as a member of many other  
9 state and local transportation committees; and

10 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Michael Stevens enjoyed the  
11 love and support of his wife, Kim, with whom he enjoyed 34 years of  
12 marriage, and he took great joy in the active role he played in the  
13 lives of three grandchildren, Grace Noel, Anthony Michael, and  
14 Cassidy Ann; he also found great comfort in his faith, serving as a  
15 deacon for Second Baptist Church and chairing both the church's  
16 Centurion Foundation and its Woodway Campus Building Committee; and

17 WHEREAS, A generous and accomplished man committed to the  
18 betterment and continued prosperity of his community, Michael  
19 Stevens shared his zest for life with all who had the good fortune  
20 to know him, and he leaves behind a legacy that will long resonate  
21 in the city he loved; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Michael Snow Stevens  
24 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
25 wife, Kim Stevens; to his grandchildren, Grace Noel, Anthony  
26 Michael, and Cassidy Ann MacKenzie; to his brother, Vance Stevens,  
27 and his wife, Bobbie, and their two children, Glenn and Dusty; to

1 his sister, Leslie MacClean, and her husband, Chris, and their two  
2 children, Warren and Emily MacClean; to his sister-in-law, Linda K.  
3 Stevens; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
4 further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for his family, and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Michael  
8 Stevens.