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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of The Woodlands fondly remember
2 Frederick Thomas Shetz, a beloved neighbor and admired community
3 leader, who died on June 25, 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Leo and Hazel Shetz on September 13, 1941,
5 Fred Shetz graduated from Northeast Catholic High School for Boys
6 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, in 1959; he went on to earn a
7 bachelor's degree in business management from St. Mary's College of
8 California; and

9 WHEREAS, Hired by Baugh Chemical Company soon after high
10 school, Mr. Shetz joined Gulf Oil Corporation in 1961 and worked in
11 accounting before becoming director of the employee van pool
12 program; initially based in Pennsylvania, he transferred in 1976 to
13 the Houston area, where he and his family became early residents of
14 The Woodlands; he spent the last four years of his career in San
15 Francisco working for Chevron, which had acquired Gulf in the
16 mid-1980s; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Shetz retired in 1990 and moved back to The
18 Woodlands with his family; during his many years in the community,
19 he was a prominent figure in numerous civic organizations,
20 including the July 4th parade committee and a local Cub Scout troop;
21 in addition, he was known as "The Voice of The Woodlands" for the
22 computer calling service he operated that was used by many local
23 organizations; and

24 WHEREAS, An active congregant of Saints Simon and Jude

1 Catholic Parish, he was ordained a deacon in the Catholic Church in
2 1984 and faithfully carried out the duties of that position for the
3 next two decades; on his return to Texas from California, Mr. Shetz
4 became the human resources director of the Archdiocese of
5 Galveston-Houston as well as director of ordained deacons, a
6 position he held for 10 years; and

7 WHEREAS, Married to his high school sweetheart, the former
8 Catherine Geiser, since 1960, Mr. Shetz embraced the joys of family
9 life; through the decades, he and Mrs. Shetz welcomed children and
10 grandchildren into the world, and together they took part in many
11 rewarding experiences, including numerous trips throughout Europe
12 and the Middle East, during which they introduced church groups to
13 important religious and historic sites; and

14 WHEREAS, Fred Shetz devoted himself to his family, his
15 church, and The Woodlands community, and he continues to be greatly
16 missed by the many individuals whose lives were enriched by his love
17 and friendship; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Frederick Thomas
20 Shetz; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frederick
24 Thomas Shetz.