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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The death of John Paul Scarbrough of El Paso on March
2 30, 2009, at the age of 90, has profoundly saddened his family and
3 friends; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Joseph and Roxie Scarbrough, Dr.
5 Scarbrough was born on June 26, 1918; he served his country with
6 distinction as a weather squadron commander during World War II and
7 was stationed with the Army Air Corps Eighth Air Force in England
8 and France; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Scarbrough earned his doctorate from the
10 University of New Mexico and went on to become a professor of
11 education at The University of Texas at El Paso; deeply committed to
12 teacher education, he mentored hundreds of students with enormous
13 insight and generosity, and through them made a positive difference
14 in the lives of schoolchildren in El Paso and beyond; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to his teaching responsibilities, Dr.
16 Scarbrough served as a liaison between the university and the El
17 Paso and Ysleta public school systems and was a favorite keynote
18 speaker at local high school graduations; he gained the lasting
19 respect and affection of his students, his colleagues, and the
20 education community, and he was honored as Professor of the Year;
21 after retiring from the university, he was awarded emeritus status;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, This distinguished educator also earned the
24 appreciation of the community as a cofounder and longtime board

1 member of the El Paso Chopin Music Festival and of the El Paso Civic
2 Orchestra; he enjoyed many happy years of marriage to Lucy Ardans
3 Scarbrough, who brought joy into his life through music and
4 creativity; he was devoted to his four children and treasured his
5 nieces, nephews, and other members of his extended family; and

6 WHEREAS, An inspiring individual, John Paul Scarbrough was
7 greatly admired for his intellect, his honesty, his thoughtfulness,
8 and his strength of character, and those who held him dear will
9 forever cherish their memories of him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John Paul Scarbrough
12 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
13 children, Paul and Mark Scarbrough, Ann Hanna, and Ginger Andersen;
14 to his grandchildren, Simon and Julian Wilner, Daniel Harry,
15 Therese and Drake Hanna, and John Paul, Bridget, and Mark Andersen;
16 to his brother, Wendell Scarbrough; and to his many other relatives
17 and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Paul
21 Scarbrough.