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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 death of Richard John Avery, Jr., of Dallas, who passed away on May  
3 22, 2009, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on August 15, 1925, Mr. Avery was a  
5 devoted member of the Catholic faith and a longtime parishioner of  
6 St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church; as a young man, he answered his  
7 nation's call to duty with service as a pilot trainee in the U.S.  
8 Air Force, and he studied management engineering at Texas A&M  
9 University; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Avery was a dedicated and supportive father and  
11 grandfather and a loving husband to his wife, Rose Marie, with whom  
12 he shared nearly six decades of marriage; through the years, their  
13 family grew to include 8 children, Christine, Cathy, Richard,  
14 Patricia, Kenneth, Tom, Teresa, and Alan, as well as 21  
15 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, The founder and president of Avery Air Conditioning,  
17 Mr. Avery also served as president of the Air Conditioning and  
18 Refrigeration Contractors Association; in addition, he taught  
19 classes in air conditioning and refrigeration for the Dallas County  
20 Community College District; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Avery was a man of diverse interests, enjoying  
22 ranching, gardening, beekeeping, and making wine, and he held three  
23 patents for his inventions; he was a longtime member and former  
24 president of the Greater North Texas Orchid Society and a founding

1 member of the Richardson Kiwanis Club; he also helped build the  
2 first African American Catholic church in Dallas County; and

3 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan's many achievements reflect the  
4 enthusiasm and determination he brought to all aspects of his life,  
5 and his loved ones will continue to be inspired by their memories of  
6 him; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard John Avery,  
9 Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
10 his wife, Rose Marie Avery; to his children, Christine Harrell,  
11 Cathy Tipton, Richard Avery and his wife, PJ, Patricia Tavangaran,  
12 Kenneth Avery and his wife, Jan, Tom Avery and his wife, Debbie,  
13 Teresa Dean and her husband, Charles, and Alan Avery and his wife,  
14 Tricia; to his 20 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; to his  
15 brothers, Charlie Avery and his wife, Betty, Robert Avery and his  
16 wife, Barbara, and Bill Avery; and to his other relatives and  
17 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 Richard  
21 Avery.