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H.R. No. 239

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former state representative Joseph Lynn Nabers of
2 Austin passed away on July 31, 2010, and his loss is keenly felt by
3 the numerous friends that he made through the years as well as by
4 the many people in Texas and beyond whose lives he forever enriched;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Lynn Nabers earned a bachelor of science degree from
7 Howard Payne University in Brownwood and a juris doctor degree from
8 Baylor University; he was elected to the Texas House of
9 Representatives soon after receiving his law degree, and voters
10 subsequently returned him to office six times; among major
11 legislation that he carried were the act that established the
12 Tuition Equalization Grant Program and bills relating to the state
13 bar, the Medical Practice Act, and property taxes as well as a
14 revision of the Texas Penal Code; he chaired the House Health and
15 Welfare Committee and the Criminal Jurisprudence Committee; and

16 WHEREAS, After nearly a decade and a half in the state
17 legislature, Mr. Nabers joined the Brown McCarroll law firm as a
18 partner; he later assisted his wife in the creation and management
19 of Strategic Partnerships, Inc., an Austin-based consulting and
20 research firm, and was the firm's senior vice president and general
21 counsel; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Nabers's busy professional life also included
23 the oversight of three enterprises in the Brownwood area; he
24 operated a working cattle ranch in Brown County and a natural gas

1 business, and he was a director of the Citizens National Bank for
2 more than 30 years; and

3 WHEREAS, Named one of the 10 best legislators by *Texas*
4 *Monthly* magazine during his time in office, Mr. Nabers also
5 received awards from the Texas Army National Guard, the Texas Youth
6 Commission, and *Texas Business* magazine; the State Bar of Texas
7 honored him as a Fellow and bestowed on him its Distinguished
8 Service Award; in addition, he served on the board of trustees of
9 Howard Payne University for more than 20 years, and he was named a
10 Distinguished Alumnus and recognized with an honorary doctorate
11 from that institution; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Nabers generously shared his talents with many
13 Lone Star State organizations; he served as director of the Texas
14 Sesquicentennial Commission in 1986, held membership in the Greater
15 Austin Chamber of Commerce, participated in the St. David's
16 Healthcare Scholarship Program, and further distinguished himself
17 on the Corporate Council of the Long Center for the Performing Arts;
18 at the time of his passing, he was the chair of Travis County
19 Municipal Utility District No. 6; and

20 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Nabers enjoyed the love
21 and support of his wife, Mary Scott Nabers, and together they were
22 the proud parents of two sons, Scott and Tim; Mr. Nabers was devoted
23 to his grandchildren, never lost his love of politics, took great
24 pleasure in spending time with his friends on hunting, fishing, and
25 golf outings, and believed strongly in good government; and

26 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State gained greatly from the vision,
27 initiative, and outstanding contributions of Lynn Nabers, and his

1 achievements provide an inspiring example of the good that one
2 person can accomplish; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Joseph
5 Lynn Nabers and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
6 family: to his wife, Mary Scott Nabers; to his children, Scott
7 Nabers and Tim Nabers; to his daughter-in-law, Karen; to his
8 grandchildren, Lauren Scott Nabers, Kailey Anne Nabers, Jack
9 Harrison Nabers, Samuel Scott Nabers, Rachel Elizabeth Nabers, and
10 Davis Scott Nabers; to his cousins, Robert Alan Lewis, Dr. Jim
11 Littlefield, and Olin Jones; and to his other relatives and many
12 friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lynn
16 Nabers.