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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Countless lives were touched by the kindness and  
2 generosity of Robert R. Woodward of Kerrville, who passed away on  
3 August 30, 2010, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on July 13, 1927, to Harley and Grace  
5 Woodward, Mr. Woodward spent much of his childhood in Houston and at  
6 Valdina Farms, his grandfather Emerson F. Woodward's ranch, located  
7 near Sabinal and Hondo; following his graduation from Texas  
8 Military Institute during World War II, Bob Woodward answered his  
9 nation's call to duty and volunteered for the United States Navy; he  
10 served through the end of the war, and after his discharge he  
11 enrolled at Texas A&M University; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Woodward began his successful career in ranching  
13 when he was called away from college to run Valdina Farms; in  
14 addition to being a rancher and businessman, he was also a respected  
15 Bible teacher and author, whose commentaries on the New Testament  
16 went through several printings; Abilene Christian University  
17 recognized his efforts in 1987, when it awarded him an honorary  
18 doctor of Christian service degree; and

19 WHEREAS, A man of strong Christian principles, Mr. Woodward  
20 continued his family's tradition of philanthropy by contributing to  
21 many worthy causes, including children's homes and churches; he  
22 demonstrated his passion for Christian education when, in honor of  
23 his mother, he established the Grace L. Woodward Memorial Endowment  
24 Trust at Abilene Christian University; presented to the College of

1 Biblical Studies in 1998, the \$26.5 million gift was the largest  
2 single endowment in the university's history, and it has made a  
3 significant impact on the college; and

4 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Woodward enjoyed the  
5 love and companionship of his wife, Mary, to whom he was married for  
6 35 rewarding years; he was blessed with four daughters, Beverly,  
7 Barbara, Bobbie, and Bethe, and his life was further enriched by his  
8 two stepsons, Bill and Tom, as well as by his grandchildren,  
9 step-grandchildren, and great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Woodward lived a rich and purposeful life  
11 centered around his faith and his family, and he will long be  
12 remembered with deep affection by all who knew him; now, therefore,  
13 be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert R. Woodward  
16 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
17 wife, Mary Woodward; to his daughters, Beverly Starr and her  
18 husband, Neal, Barbara White and her husband, Keith, Bobbie Jones  
19 and her husband, Carl, and Bethe Deal and her husband, Scott; to his  
20 stepsons, Bill H. Soyars and his wife, Deanna, and Tom Soyars and  
21 his wife, Martha; to his 8 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, and  
22 10 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends;  
23 and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert R.  
27 Woodward.