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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 Isaac Field Roebuck, Jr., of Dallas on April 15, 2011, at
3 the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Graham on September 6, 1930, Field Roebuck
5 earned his diploma from Graham High School in 1948; he attended The
6 University of Texas at Austin, where he graduated summa cum laude,
7 receiving both his bachelor's and master's degrees in petroleum
8 engineering; possessing a gift for music, he was a drum major in his
9 high school band and a member of the Longhorn Band at UT, serving as
10 its president in 1951 and 1952; he also helped pay his way through
11 college by playing tenor saxophone and clarinet for dance bands in
12 the Austin area; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1957, Mr. Roebuck married the former Joan
14 Gerhardt, and they enjoyed a rewarding relationship that spanned
15 more than 50 years and were blessed with a daughter, Sue Ellen; and

16 WHEREAS, After his graduation from UT, Mr. Roebuck joined the
17 petroleum engineering faculty at the school and also became a
18 registered professional engineer; he later served as the vice
19 president of overseas exploration for Core Laboratories and vice
20 president and general manager of Engineering Numerics Corporation;
21 in addition, he was president of his own independent engineering
22 and geological consulting company, Roebuck Associates; and

23 WHEREAS, Listed in *Who's Who in the Southwest*, *Who's Who in*
24 *Science and Engineering*, and *American Men and Women of Science*, Mr.

1 Roebuck was a member of the Society of Independent Professional
2 Earth Scientists, the Society of Petroleum Engineers, and the
3 American Association of Petroleum Geologists; he shared his
4 professional expertise as an adjunct professor of geological
5 sciences at Southern Methodist University and authored 35
6 scientific papers; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Roebuck was a dedicated organic gardener and
8 rosarian; as a freelance writer and photographer, he contributed
9 gardening articles to the *Dallas Morning News* and other
10 publications and authored the books *Foolproof Guide to Growing*
11 *Roses* and *Complete Roses: Featuring 100 Easy-Growing Favorites*; he
12 was a member of the Garden Writers Association and the Western
13 Writers of America; and

14 WHEREAS, A past president of the First Men's Garden Club of
15 Dallas, Mr. Roebuck also belonged to the Dallas Area Historical
16 Rose Society, and a rose called the Field Roebuck was released to
17 honor his service to those two groups; in addition, he was a member
18 of the Heritage Rose Society, the Heritage Rose Foundation, the
19 Texas Botanical Garden Society, the Royal Horticultural Society,
20 and the Seeds of Texas Seed Exchange; and

21 WHEREAS, Field Roebuck was an admired individual who excelled
22 in a wide variety of pursuits, and he will be fondly remembered and
23 deeply missed by all who were privileged to know him; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
26 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Isaac Field Roebuck,
27 Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to

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1 his wife, Joan Roebuck; to his daughter, Sue Ellen Roebuck; to his
2 first cousin, John Rawlins Gilliland; to his nieces and nephews,
3 Diana Lynn Welsch, Mark Alan Welsch, Kim Hinson Goodwyn, Stanley
4 Rawlins Hinson, Eric Foster Hinson, and Andrew Roebuck Hinson; and
5 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Field
9 Roebuck.