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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Longtime Houston developer and community leader  
2 James Clarke Box passed away on April 14, 2011, at the age of 80; and

3           WHEREAS, A descendant of John Neely Bryan, the founder of  
4 Dallas, Jim Box was born on February 1, 1931, in Houston; he began  
5 his career as a draftsman for the City of Houston but eventually  
6 joined the Mischer Corporation, where he worked his way up to senior  
7 vice president and played an instrumental role in the construction  
8 of many local subdivisions; in 1993, he became an independent  
9 consultant in the development field; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Box spent nearly three decades on the board of  
11 the Greater Houston Builders Association and also served as the  
12 longtime chair of its Community Developers Council; in addition, he  
13 was a member of the Houston Contractors Association and the  
14 Association of Water Board Directors, and he was appointed by  
15 Governor Rick Perry in 2002 to the Texas Water Advisory Council; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1979, Mr. Box was named by the City of Houston to  
17 the board of the Harris-Galveston Subsidence District; he worked on  
18 the committee that formulated the first regulatory plan for the  
19 district, supervised passage of a 1999 plan calling for access to  
20 surface water for residents of north and west Harris County, and  
21 helped to ensure the success of the district's water conservation  
22 programs; he was elected chair of the district board in 1984 and  
23 held that post until his passing; and

24           WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman further shared his time,

1 talents, and expertise with local civic organizations and  
2 institutions, including the Houston Community College Foundation,  
3 which he chaired; for his efforts, he received six presidential  
4 citations and the Harris B. Lieberman Distinguished Service Award,  
5 and he was selected as Developer of the Year three times by the  
6 Greater Houston Builders Association; and

7         WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Box enjoyed the love and  
8 support of his wife of 53 years, Ellen, and his children, Doug,  
9 Kandice, and Allyson; among his greatest pleasures was spending  
10 time with his family at his farm in Caldwell; moreover, he enjoyed  
11 being actively involved in his congregation at the Foundry  
12 Methodist Church in Houston; and

13         WHEREAS, Jim Box brought to his many undertakings enthusiasm  
14 and a desire to make a positive difference, and although he is  
15 deeply missed, he leaves behind a legacy that will long resonate in  
16 the community and state he was proud to call home; now, therefore,  
17 be it

18         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Clarke Box and  
20 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
21 Ellen Box; to his son, Doug Box, and his wife, LaVelda; to his  
22 daughters, Kandice Gremillion and her husband, Keith, and Allyson  
23 Koether and her husband, Brian; to his grandchildren, Daniel Popps  
24 and his partner, Lynette, David Box and his wife, Jennifer, Derrick  
25 Box and his fiancée, Elle, Sam Barrick, Hannah Koether, and Phillip  
26 Koether; to his great-grandchildren, Kayo Popps, Michael Popps, and  
27 Austin Box; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it

1 further

2           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James  
5 Clarke Box.