

By: Madden

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Collin County lost an admired civic leader with the
2 passing of Joseph Allen Hill on January 15, 2011, at the age of 84;
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4 WHEREAS, Born in Gordonsville, Virginia, on March 18, 1926,
5 Joe Hill was the son of Picollia Dade Hill and Robert A. Hill; he
6 graduated from Orange County High School and served his country in
7 the Navy Reserve for two years; after earning his bachelor's degree
8 in chemistry from Clark University, he worked as a chemist for
9 General Electric in Schenectady, New York, for 13 years and won
10 numerous awards for product and company improvements; he went on to
11 join the Xerox Corporation in Rochester, New York, before
12 transferring to the Dallas area; over the course of a distinguished
13 tenure spanning three decades with the company, he also worked in
14 California for a year; and

15 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, Mr. Hill gave
16 generously of his time and talents to benefit the elderly; he
17 organized and led the Senior Coalition, which was instrumental in
18 the construction of the Plano Senior Center, conducting petition
19 drives and advocating for the center at innumerable meetings; he
20 served as president of the advisory council for the center and as
21 co-chair of its capital improvements program, and he frequently
22 gave seniors rides to the center, drove them to appointments, and
23 helped them in myriad ways; in addition, he took photos of almost
24 every event at the center and assisted with daily bread donations;

1 he further served on the boards of the Collin County Committee on
2 Aging, the Plano Community Home, and the Maurice Barnett Geriatric
3 Wellness Center, and he organized the Collin County White House
4 Conference on Aging; and

5 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan was a member of Volunteers in
6 Plano, the Martin Luther King Community Center, and the Dallas
7 Independent School District's Safety and Excel programs; moreover,
8 he was a member of the Collin County Black Chamber of Commerce and
9 the Plano Chamber of Commerce and served as a consultant for both;
10 the recipient of numerous accolades, he was named Plano Man of the
11 Year and Plano Volunteer of the Year, and he was accorded the Andre
12 Davidson Spirit of Volunteerism Award, the Plano Senior Coalition
13 Award, and the Plano Community Forum Award, among other honors; and

14 WHEREAS, A man of many interests, Mr. Hill enjoyed
15 photography, track, and baseball, and he was a member of the semipro
16 baseball team the Troy Haymakers; and

17 WHEREAS, Joe Hill made a positive difference in countless
18 lives through his tremendous kindness, and his contributions to his
19 community will continue to resonate in the years to come; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joseph Allen Hill and
23 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
24 Kay; to his daughter, Cheryl; to his sons, Mark, Mike, and Ronald;
25 to his grandchildren, Aja, Shahn, and Markus; to his
26 brother-in-law, David Walker; and to his many other relatives and
27 friends; and, be it further

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