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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Clymer Lewis Wright, Jr., of Houston, who died on
2 January 24, 2011, at the age of 79, gave freely of his time and
3 expertise to better his community, and he leaves behind a record of
4 service that his loved ones can remember with pride; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on July 24, 1931, Clymer Wright was a graduate
6 of the University of Southern Mississippi and a veteran of the
7 United States Army, in which he served during the Korean War; in the
8 mid-1950s, as the editor of the *Fort Bend Reporter*, he worked with
9 the Texas Rangers to rid Fort Bend County and Galveston of organized
10 crime and gambling syndicates; he received death threats in the
11 process but persevered in spite of the danger; he later published
12 newspapers and worked in real estate, and for the past 18 years, he
13 was an executive with Aflac Insurance; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Wright was very active in local and national
15 politics; in 1968, he was a leader of Texans for Reagan, the effort
16 to get then-California governor Ronald Reagan the Republican
17 presidential nomination, and he went on to serve as the Texas
18 finance chair for Reagan's successful 1980 campaign; he led an
19 effort in the early 1990s to place on the ballot a measure limiting
20 the terms of Houston's mayor, controller, and council members, and
21 the initiative passed with more than 56 percent of the vote; more
22 recently, he was instrumental in helping his community association
23 win a legal battle to conserve public spaces that had been part of
24 the Inwood Forest Golf and Country Club; and

1 WHEREAS, Together with his first wife, the former Sandra Jean
2 Lee, Mr. Wright shared 34 years and had three children, Cindy,
3 Clymer, and Linda; after becoming a widower, he enjoyed 20 years of
4 marriage with the former Mary Katherine Sheftall until her death in
5 2010; Mr. Wright supported a number of charitable groups over the
6 years and was especially devoted to the alumni association of
7 Southern Miss; and

8 WHEREAS, Known for his compassion and faith, Mr. Wright
9 touched the lives of all who were privileged to know him, and he
10 will forever hold a treasured place in their hearts; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Clymer Lewis
14 Wright, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
15 family: to his children, Cindy Wright Gabriel Flynn and her
16 husband, George, Clymer Wright III and his wife, Toni, and Linda
17 Wright Tomasetti and her husband, Barry; to his grandchildren,
18 Laura and Julia Gabriel, Christopher Wright, and Barry, Corey, and
19 Kerry Tomasetti; to his great-grandson, Nathan Wright; to his
20 grandniece, Hayley Millsap; to his sister, Suzanne Gillis; to his
21 brother, Michael Wright; and to his other relatives and friends;
22 and, be it further

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