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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the passing of Marvin Selig on December 27,
2 2010, the State of Texas lost a man whose achievements as an
3 industrialist, philanthropist, and visionary made a positive and
4 lasting difference in Seguin and beyond; and

5 WHEREAS, Marvin Selig was born on November 30, 1923, in
6 Spring Valley, New York; after graduating from The University of
7 Texas with a degree in engineering, Mr. Selig borrowed \$2,000 and,
8 in 1947, started a small factory near Seguin, Texas, where he
9 manufactured reinforcing bars from recycled railroad rails; and

10 WHEREAS, His company, Structural Metals, Inc., began to
11 manufacture steel in 1949, and in 1968 it merged with Commercial
12 Metals Corporation; Mr. Selig became CEO of Commercial Metals Steel
13 Group, and he served on the board until well after his retirement in
14 2002; the factory he founded in Seguin, one of the first
15 "mini-mills" that revolutionized the steel industry, continues to
16 thrive; it has been profitable every year since 1947, and today it
17 produces more than 750,000 tons of steel a year; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Selig married Eleanor Berg, and they shared a
19 fulfilling relationship until her death; together they had three
20 sons, Zachary, Peter, and Jeff, as well as five grandchildren; Mrs.
21 Selig served as a Texas commissioner of mental health, and since
22 1950, the couple were active in the quarter horse and thoroughbred
23 horse breeding and racing business; in 2002, the Marvin and Ellie
24 Selig Center of Excellence in Entrepreneurship was established at

1 the UT College of Engineering; and

2 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman also served his fellow
3 citizens as a commissioner of the Lower Colorado River Authority;
4 on the national and international levels, he served as president of
5 the Jewish Institute for National Security Affairs and as an
6 economic and industrial advisor to governments in Latin America,
7 Europe, the Middle East, Asia, and the United Kingdom; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Selig was a man of diverse and passionate
9 interests who loved horse racing, reading, and travel; he was
10 independent-minded and optimistic, confident in his own opinions
11 yet solicitous of the concerns of others, and generous with his time
12 and resources; he remained devoted throughout his life to his
13 adopted community of Seguin, where he raised a family at his home
14 along a bend of the Guadalupe River; and

15 WHEREAS, An innovative businessman and a remarkable leader,
16 Marvin Selig profoundly influenced the steel industry, his
17 community, and the lives of countless people, and he leaves behind a
18 legacy that will continue to resonate for years to come; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Marvin Selig and
22 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
23 sons, Zachary Selig, Peter Selig and his wife, Lyn, and Jeff Selig
24 and his wife, Walton; to his grandchildren, Stuart and his wife,
25 Laura, Jocelyn, Aleka, Kiber, and Sam; to his brother, Clyde Selig;
26 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Marvin
3 Selig.