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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life dedicated to the pursuit of knowledge came to
2 an end with the death of eminent scientist and professor F. Gordon
3 A. Stone of Waco on April 6, 2011, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Gordon Stone was born on May 9, 1925, in Exeter,
5 England; he studied chemistry at Cambridge University, earning his
6 bachelor's degree in 1948 and his doctorate in 1952, and he went on
7 to serve as a postdoctoral assistant at the University of Southern
8 California under the Fulbright Program; he subsequently joined the
9 faculty of the chemistry department at Harvard University,
10 attaining the rank of assistant professor; and

11 WHEREAS, In the early 1960s, Dr. Stone returned to England to
12 accept a post as the first chair of inorganic chemistry at Bristol
13 University, and his career there spanned nearly three decades; he
14 continued his teaching and research at Baylor University, which he
15 joined in 1990 as the Robert A. Welch Distinguished Professor of
16 Chemistry, before retiring at the age of 85 in 2010; and

17 WHEREAS, An internationally recognized expert in the field of
18 organometallic chemistry, Professor Stone coauthored more than 750
19 primary scientific articles and gave lectures around the globe; he
20 was named one of the 100 most cited chemists in the world by the
21 Institute for Scientific Information; and

22 WHEREAS, Professor Stone was elected to the Royal Society,
23 London, in 1976, and in 1990 he was made a Commander of the Order of
24 the British Empire by Queen Elizabeth; in addition, he earned the

1 highest awards of the major academic chemical societies in Britain
2 and the United States, and he received a number of honorary degrees
3 from universities in Europe and North America; the American
4 Chemical Society published his scientific autobiography, *Leaving*
5 *No Stone Unturned*, in 1993; and

6 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman enjoyed the love and support
7 of his wife, the former Judith Hislop, for 52 years until her death
8 in 2008; together they were blessed with three sons, James, Peter,
9 and Derek, as well as seven grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, When not traveling the world, Professor Stone and
11 his wife divided their time between their homes in Bristol,
12 England, and Waco; the couple were renowned for their warmth and
13 hospitality, frequently hosting guests for a meal or an overnight
14 stay; and

15 WHEREAS, Gordon Stone lived a life of extraordinary
16 achievement, and he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to
17 inspire all those who were privileged to know him; now, therefore,
18 be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of F. Gordon A. Stone
21 and extend sincere condolences to his family: to his sons, James,
22 Peter, and Derek Stone; to his seven grandchildren; and to his other
23 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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