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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Garland lost one of their most
2 admired community leaders with the death of Stanford Fong on April
3 27, 2011, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Stanford Fong was born to Chinese immigrant parents
5 in Lake Village, Arkansas, on August 6, 1927; he proved himself
6 early in life to be a natural leader, winning election in high
7 school as president of the student body, the student council, and
8 the senior class and serving as captain of the football team;
9 Mr. Fong enrolled in Southern Methodist University in 1945 on a
10 football scholarship, but his studies were interrupted in 1946,
11 when he answered his nation's call to duty by enlisting in the U.S.
12 Army; he served with the army until 1948 and took part in the
13 postwar occupation of Japan; and

14 WHEREAS, Stan Fong subsequently returned to SMU and completed
15 his degree in 1950; recalled to active duty following the outbreak
16 of the Korean War, he served in Korea until 1951; later, Mr. Fong
17 enjoyed a long and respected career with Collins Radio
18 Company/Rockwell International, where he worked until his
19 retirement in 1987; and

20 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan also engaged in extensive public
21 service; he held a seat on the Garland City Council from 1980 to
22 1984 and served as mayor pro tem in 1983; in 1990, he received a
23 presidential appointment from the George H. W. Bush administration
24 to act as confidential assistant to the regional administrator in

1 the General Services Administration; moreover, he served on the
2 Dallas County Appraisal Review Board from 1990 to 1996 and chaired
3 the board during his final year with that group; and

4 WHEREAS, A man of deep faith, Mr. Fong served for many years
5 as a Methodist minister; he also gave generously of his time and
6 talents as chair of the Greater Dallas Asian American Chamber of
7 Commerce, which named him to its honorary advisory board, and as a
8 director of Community Credit Union, now ViewPoint Bank, for 22
9 years; he has the distinction of being featured in an exhibit
10 regarding Asian settlers in Dallas County at the Old Red Museum of
11 Dallas County History and Culture; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Fong and his wife, the former Ellen Farrar, were
13 married on April 9, 1948, and they became the devoted parents of
14 five children, Louise, Debbie, Judy, Don, and Ronald; over the
15 years, they rejoiced as their family grew to include eight
16 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Stanford Fong led a life of exemplary service, and
18 those who were blessed to share in the warmth of his love and
19 affection will forever hold him close in their hearts; now,
20 therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Stanford Fong and
23 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
24 wife, Ellen Fong; to his daughters and sons-in-law, Louise Sharp
25 and Dr. Frank Sharp, Debbie Hopson and Dr. Jerry Hopson, and Judy
26 and Ralph West; to his son and daughter-in-law, Don and Paula Fong;
27 to his daughter-in-law, Cynthia Fong; to his brothers, Benny Fong

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1 and Wally Fong; to his grandchildren, Christina Montgomery, Nicole
2 Robinson, Annette Brack, Jamie Sharp, Logan Sharp, Morgan Hopson,
3 Wilson Fong, and Claire Fong; to his five great-grandchildren; and
4 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Stanford
8 Fong.