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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Those Texans who give freely of their time and
2 talents to benefit the larger community make the world a better
3 place through their actions, and Bud Allan Price of Waco, who passed
4 away on April 27, 2011, at the age of 76, was indeed one such person;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Bud Price was born in Kilgore on March 31, 1935, to
7 Donald Price, Sr., and Juanita Price; after graduating from Pine
8 Tree High School in Greggton in 1953, he attended Baylor
9 University, where he earned a bachelor's degree in business
10 administration in 1958; immediately after college, he answered his
11 nation's call to duty by enlisting in the U.S. Army, and he was
12 stationed in Munich, Germany, for most of his service; and

13 WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the military in 1960,
14 Mr. Price returned to East Texas and accepted a job as an accountant
15 in Longview; in 1962, he began his distinguished banking career
16 when he became a commissioned national bank examiner with the
17 Office of the Controller of the Currency, United States Treasury
18 Department; he served in that capacity in Longview and Dallas, and
19 he later led the Corpus Christi office; in 1966, he joined the
20 National City Bank of Waco, where he served as vice president and
21 senior president in charge of loans until 1979, when he became
22 director and president of Robinson State Bank; in 1988, he was hired
23 as director and president of Waco State Bank; and

24 WHEREAS, During his tenure with Waco State Bank, the

1 institution merged with Robinson State Bank to form Fidelity Bank
2 of Texas, which Mr. Price continued to serve as president and
3 director; he also served as chair of the board and as the chief
4 executive officer and president of its holding company, Fidelity
5 Bancshares, Inc.; at the time of his retirement, he had more than 42
6 years of experience in the banking industry; and

7 WHEREAS, This highly accomplished gentleman played an active
8 role in his community as well and he contributed his time to
9 numerous professional and civic organizations, including the Waco
10 Clearing House Association, the Texas Association of Business,
11 Downtown Waco, Inc., the Waco-McLennan County Library Board, the
12 Friends of the Library Board, the Freeman Center, the American Red
13 Cross, Rebuilding Together of Greater Waco, and the Texas Bankers
14 Association; he also shared his expertise with Lott State Bank and
15 Pakrite Plastics and on the advisory board of the Heart of Texas
16 Council of Governments and the Heart of Texas Region Mental Health
17 Mental Retardation Center; and

18 WHEREAS, A former director and treasurer of the Texas Ranger
19 Hall of Fame and Museum, Mr. Price participated in a host of other
20 worthy groups such as several chambers of commerce, the Kiwanis
21 Club, the Baylor Alumni Association, Waco Masonic Lodge No. 92, and
22 the Masonic Knights Templar, Waco Commandry No. 10; and

23 WHEREAS, Despite his many professional and civic
24 commitments, Mr. Price made his family and faith his main
25 priorities in life; he enjoyed a rewarding marriage of 47 years with
26 his wife, the former Helen Hardy, whom he wed on August 31, 1963,
27 and he was the father of two sons, Craig and Bradley; he joined the

1 congregation of the First Baptist Church of Waco in 1966, and he
2 served on many church committees, and was ordained as a deacon in
3 1990; a president of the McCall Sunday school class, he was also a
4 seven-year member of the Bible Study Fellowship; and

5 WHEREAS, In his free time, Mr. Price carved pipes and made
6 tampers and collected unique tobacco tins and pipes, as well as
7 books, steins, canes, and knives; he enjoyed reading and classical
8 music, and his other hobbies included hunting, fishing, cooking,
9 bartering, crafting belt buckles, and playing "84" with family and
10 friends; and

11 WHEREAS, Bud Allan Price lived a rich and purposeful life,
12 and he will long be remembered with deep affection by all who were
13 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bud Allan Price and
16 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
17 wife, Helen Price; to his son, Craig Price; to his brothers and
18 sisters-in-law, Donald Price, Jr., and Martha Price and Gary and
19 Sherry Taylor; to his sister and brother-in-law, Pamela and Fred
20 Christy; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bud Allan
24 Price.