SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 668

In Memory of Charles Durham Nash

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Austin in mourning the loss of Charles Durham Nash, who died March 28, 2011, at the age of 87; and

WHEREAS, Charles Durham Nash was an icon in the Central Texas automobile business whose vision and leadership played a vital role in building the business community in Austin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Nash began his career in the automobile industry at the age of 24 following his World War II service as a supply officer in the United States Army; he owned and managed and served as chairman of the board of Capitol Chevrolet, the dealership founded by his father in 1935; for more than 60 years, Mr. Nash was deeply involved in every aspect of the enterprise; and

WHEREAS, In addition to running his highly successful business, Mr. Nash worked with other civic leaders, including former Mayor Roy Butler, to create jobs and businesses in Austin; he served as a director of Austin National Bank and chaired the board of trustees of the Headliners Club and the Texas Automobile Dealers Association; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, determination, and compassion, he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, his generous spirit, and his genuine concern for all those he met will not be forgotten by the many people whose lives he touched; and

WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he will long be remembered with affection and admiration by all who were privileged to share in his life; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 82nd Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Charles Durham Nash: his wife of 63 years, Dorothy; his children, Nancy Nash Harper and Chuck Nash; and his five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles Durham Nash.

Watson, Jackson

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 30, 2011, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate

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