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H.R. No. 77

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The death of Leo Edward Linbeck, Jr., of Houston on
2 June 8, 2013, at the age of 78, has deeply saddened the family and
3 friends of this admired civic leader; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Linbeck was born on August 12, 1934, to Patti
5 Ruth Linbeck and Leon Linbeck, Sr.; he graduated from the
6 University of Notre Dame and briefly attended The University of
7 Texas School of Law before joining the Linbeck Group, a
8 construction management firm established by his father; having
9 started as a carpenter, he rose to become senior chair of the
10 company, and his exceptional skill, energy, and vision enabled it
11 to flourish despite the challenges of changing business cycles;
12 during his tenure of more than a half-century with the firm, the
13 Linbeck Group became one of the largest construction enterprises in
14 the Southwest, building offices, hospitals, museums, shopping
15 centers, and other facilities; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Linbeck benefited numerous
17 organizations through his leadership; he served as a director and
18 chair of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and as a director of the
19 Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas-Houston Branch; in addition, he was
20 a director of the Bionomics Institute, Daniel Industries, GeoQuest
21 International Holdings, International Systems & Controls, John
22 Hancock Advisers, MorningStar Foods, and the Southland
23 Corporation; he served Notre Dame as chair of the Advisory Council
24 for the College of Engineering, and he further shared his expertise

1 as a member of the Institutional Initiatives Committee of The
2 University of Texas M. D. Anderson Cancer Center; moreover, he
3 chaired the Special Commission on the 1999 Bonfire for Texas A&M
4 University; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Linbeck also made his mark as a cofounder of
6 Texans for Lawsuit Reform and Americans for Fair Taxation; a major
7 force in the political arena, TLR has worked to shape policy
8 regarding civil lawsuits and, more recently, matters such as public
9 education; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to public policy, Mr. Linbeck's many
11 avocations included golfing, hunting, and fishing; always an
12 engaging conversationalist, he had the ability to find a topic of
13 mutual interest to discuss with anyone he might meet; he was a
14 lifelong parishioner of St. Anne Catholic Church, and he expressed
15 his strong faith and compassion through his daily actions; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was preceded in death by his
17 wife of 41 years, Connie Linbeck; fortunate to find love a second
18 time, he exchanged wedding vows with Bette Craddock Pressler in
19 2004; and

20 WHEREAS, Leo Linbeck achieved a life of purposefulness and
21 service, and those who were fortunate enough to know him will
22 forever remember his devotion to his family, his community, his
23 state, and his nation; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
25 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
26 of Leo Edward Linbeck, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to his loved
27 ones: to his wife, Bette Linbeck; to his children, Tammy Casey, Leo

1 Linbeck III, Betsy Garibaldi, Andrew Linbeck, Patrick Linbeck, and
2 Mary Clark Granberry; to his stepchildren, Terry Smith, Townes
3 Pressler, and Molly Lamme; to his sons-in-law, Bob Casey, John
4 Garibaldi, Chris Granberry, Duncan Lamme, and Tommy Smith; to his
5 daughters-in-law, Bayard Linbeck, Ellen Linbeck, Shanna Linbeck,
6 and Kathleen Pressler; to his grandchildren, Anna Claire, Berhane,
7 Carolina, Caroline, Christopher, Claire, Danielle, Duncan, Edward,
8 Emily, Forrest, Francisco, Genevieve, Henry, Julie, Katherine,
9 Leo, Lindy, Maddox, Matthew, Miranda, Robert, Ruth, Savanna,
10 Thomas, Timothy, and Townes; to his sisters, Poppy Doyle and
11 Suzanne Reynolds; to his brothers-in-law, Stokes A. Baird, Larry
12 Craddock, Peter Doyle, and Fisher Reynolds; to his sisters-in-law,
13 Mary Scott Baird and Mary Craddock; and to his many other relatives
14 and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leo
18 Linbeck.