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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Dallas lost an admired businessman and
2 philanthropist with the death of Robert David Rogers on June 11,
3 2013, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Hartford, Connecticut, on June 10, 1936, Bob
5 Rogers was the son of Ralph and Mary Nell Rogers; he grew up in New
6 England and Palm Beach, Florida, before moving to Dallas in 1950;
7 after earning his bachelor's degree in economics at Yale
8 University, he went on to complete his MBA at Harvard University,
9 where he was a Baker Scholar and graduated with high distinction; he
10 served as an ensign and lieutenant junior grade in the United States
11 Navy from 1958 to 1960; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers began his career as assistant to the
13 regional manager of the George A. Fuller Company in Dallas and then
14 joined Texas Industries, the company founded by his father;
15 initially, he was based in France as general manager of European
16 operations, and he returned to Dallas in 1964 to become vice
17 president of finance; four years later, he was named vice president
18 of operations, and he succeeded his father as president in 1970; he
19 built the firm into one of the nation's major suppliers of heavy
20 construction materials before retiring as president and chief
21 executive officer in 2004; and

22 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. Rogers served in leadership
23 roles for numerous organizations and companies; he was chair of the
24 Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas and of the Greater Dallas Chamber of

1 Commerce, and he was a director of Con-way, Adams Golf, Braniff
2 International Airways, and the American Business Conference; in
3 2002, he was inducted into the Texas Business Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan furthered the charitable legacy
5 begun by his parents through his involvement in a number of worthy
6 causes; particularly devoted to medicine and education, he was a
7 director of the Naval Postgraduate School Foundation and served on
8 the boards of St. Mark's School of Texas, the Greenhill School,
9 Bishop College, and Skidmore College; moreover, he was a member of
10 the executive board of the Edwin L. Cox School of Business at
11 Southern Methodist University, where he taught as an adjunct
12 professor from 2000 to 2004; his support of The University of Texas
13 Southwestern Medical Center included service as a trustee of the
14 Southwestern Medical Foundation and as a member of the center's
15 Board of Visitors for University Hospitals and Clinics; and

16 WHEREAS, A talented golfer, Mr. Rogers was a member of the
17 United States Seniors Golf Association and developed many close
18 friendships through his favorite sport; he belonged to the Preston
19 Trail, Brook Hollow, Monterey Peninsula, and Pine Valley golf
20 clubs, and he loved to play challenging courses around the world;
21 eager to share the game with others, he particularly cherished his
22 weekly outing with his grandson James; he also enjoyed traveling to
23 far-flung destinations, and he graciously invited relatives and
24 close friends to accompany him on wonderful trips; in addition, he
25 was a fan of baseball and the Texas Rangers, and he relished a
26 friendly game of backgammon and time spent with his faithful dog,
27 Tanner; and

1 WHEREAS, Bob Rogers had a lasting and positive influence on
2 the city of Dallas through his professional accomplishments and
3 civic engagement; although he will be deeply missed, those who were
4 privileged to know him will forever treasure their memories of his
5 keen intelligence, his wit, and his generosity; now, therefore, be
6 it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
9 Robert David Rogers and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
10 his family: to his wife of 24 years, Margaret Jonsson Rogers; to his
11 children, David Rogers and his wife, Linda, Mary Rhoades and her
12 husband, James, and Jamie Rogers and his wife, Anne; to his
13 stepchildren, Laura and David Cole, Emily and David Corrigan, and
14 Erik and Hilary Charlton; to his brothers, John Rogers and his wife,
15 Alice, Richard Rogers and his wife, Ellen, and William Rogers and
16 his wife, Buff; to his 14 grandchildren; and to his other relatives
17 and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bob Rogers.