

By: Lavender

H.C.R. No. 9

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 temper the profound sadness felt at the loss of Paul Gene Roden, who
3 passed away on June 24, 2013, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Paris, Texas, Mr. Roden was
5 born on April 21, 1938, to Paul Gene Roden, Sr., and Cecile Loraine
6 Denton Roden; he attended Paris Junior College and earned his
7 bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University before
8 graduating from the Dallas Institute of Mortuary Science in 1961;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Roden established a notable career as a funeral
11 director, continuing a family tradition that had begun two
12 generations before, and he also distinguished himself in his work
13 as an insurance executive; highly respected by his peers, he was a
14 member of the Texas Association of Insurance Officials, the Texas
15 Association of Life and Health Insurers, and the East Texas, Texas,
16 and National Funeral Directors Associations; and

17 WHEREAS, This dedicated community leader served on the City
18 of Paris Traffic and Thoroughfares Commission and the Master
19 Planning and Redistricting Committees; he further benefited his
20 fellow citizens as a director on the executive board of the Ark-Tex
21 Council of Governments, as chair of Workforce Solutions Northeast
22 Texas, and as chair of the Paris Junior College Board of Regents;
23 his contributions to the college were recognized with his induction
24 into its Hall of Honor in 2012; and

1 WHEREAS, Active in a number of civic organizations as well,
2 Mr. Roden shared his time with the Lamar County Chamber of Commerce,
3 the Jaycees, the Rotary Club, the Red River Valley Council of the
4 Girl Scouts of America, and CASA for Kids; in addition, he was a
5 valued member of the congregation at Lamar Avenue Church of Christ;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Roden married the former Anita Jean Franklin in
8 1978, and the couple shared a rewarding marriage that spanned more
9 than 34 years; he was a caring father to his four children, Kathy,
10 Paul, Ward, and Kevin, and the beloved "Papi" of six grandchildren;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Paul Roden will
13 remember the way he touched their lives with his kind, joyful
14 spirit, and he will forever hold a treasured place in their hearts;
15 now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas,
17 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Paul Gene
18 Roden and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
19 his wife, Anita Roden; to his children, Kathy Floyd and her husband,
20 Randy, Paul Kirk Roden and his wife, Kate, Ward Hall and his wife,
21 Laurel, and Kevin Hall and his fiancée, Tracy Scott; to his
22 grandchildren, Ross and Kellen Floyd and Arden, Brink, Ethan, and
23 Jake Hall; to his adoptive grandson, Christopher Hudson; to his
24 sister, Mary Suzanne Roden; to his brother, Marcus Lee Roden, and
25 his wife, Sharon; to his brother-in-law, Clifford Franklin, and his
26 wife, Betsy; to his aunt, Jessie Denton; to Katherine Hughes; and to
27 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
4 Paul Gene Roden.