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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a renowned businessman and  
2 philanthropist with the passing of Richard W. Snyder of Dallas on  
3 July 9, 2013, at the age of 75; and

4           WHEREAS, Dick Snyder was born on April 12, 1938, in Kansas  
5 City, Missouri, to Leonard Snyder and Agnes "Billie" Grittinger  
6 Snyder; after growing up in the Midwest and graduating from high  
7 school in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he initially undertook college  
8 studies at Florida State University, where he was a member of the  
9 football team; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Indiana  
10 University and a master's degree in business administration from  
11 the University of Detroit; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the course of his career, Mr. Snyder  
13 distinguished himself as a skilled and innovative leader and is  
14 best known for founding SnyderGeneral Corporation, a manufacturer  
15 of heating, ventilating, air-conditioning, and filtration  
16 products; under his able guidance, the company grew to become one of  
17 the largest privately held businesses of its kind in the world,  
18 generating \$1 billion in sales annually; following the sale of  
19 SnyderGeneral in 1994, he founded SnyderCapital, an investment firm  
20 specializing in equity investments for mid-sized operating  
21 companies; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Snyder shared his expertise with a number of  
23 professional organizations, including the American Business  
24 Conference and the boards of the Air-Conditioning and Refrigeration

1 Institute and the Gas Appliance Manufacturers Association; he also  
2 served as a member of the North American Free Trade Agreement Task  
3 Force, the Federal Advisory Committee on the EC Common Approach to  
4 Standards Testing and Certification, and the Advisory Committee for  
5 Trade Policy and Negotiations, to which he was appointed by  
6 President Ronald Reagan and President George H. W. Bush; and

7 WHEREAS, Committed to helping others, this notable Texan  
8 established the Snyder Foundation to support public projects,  
9 education, animal welfare, and medical research; moreover, he gave  
10 generously to such worthwhile causes as St. Philip's School and  
11 Community Center, SPCA of Texas, Dallas Summer Musicals, and the  
12 American Heart Association; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Snyder enjoyed the support of a loving family in  
14 all of his endeavors; he shared more than 50 years with his wife,  
15 Bobbi, and the couple saw their family grow to include 3 children,  
16 Dr. Richard Snyder II, Robert L. Snyder, and Stacey Verbeek, as well  
17 as 10 grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of a  
19 man's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark on the  
20 world as they move through it, and Dick Snyder's accomplishments as  
21 an entrepreneur and an engaged citizen will continue to be  
22 appreciated for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
24 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
25 of Richard W. Snyder and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
26 his family: to his wife, Roberta "Bobbi" Snyder; to his sons,  
27 Dr. Richard Snyder II and his wife, Dr. Shelley Hall-Snyder, and

1 Robert L. Snyder and his wife, Ana; to his daughter, Stacey Verbeek,  
2 and her husband, Arnie; to his 10 grandchildren; to his brother,  
3 Leonard Snyder, Jr., and his wife, Beulah; and to his other  
4 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

5         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard  
8 W. Snyder.