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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Houston lost a beloved neighbor and a
2 revered business leader with the passing of Robert Franklin Dean on
3 July 15, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston in 1942, Bob Dean was the son of
5 Claude Nathan Dean and Nellie Gladis Dean; he earned his bachelor's
6 degree from the University of Houston before embarking on a career
7 in insurance; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1980, Mr. Dean cofounded Dean & Draper Insurance
9 Agency, a firm that he developed into a National Top 100 agency with
10 150 employees in Houston and the surrounding area; with his
11 industry expertise and well-honed business acumen, he was able to
12 run a profitable enterprise while also respecting the concerns of
13 clients, associates, and employees alike, and he saw his company
14 win many accolades, including selection by *Texas Monthly* as one of
15 the Top 100 Places to Work; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed businessman gave generously of his
17 time and talents as a director of both the Independent Insurance
18 Agents of Texas and the Independent Insurance Agents of Houston;
19 committed to fostering the next generation of industry leaders, he
20 also served as cofounder and chair of the advisory board that
21 assists the Insurance & Risk Management program at the University
22 of Houston-Downtown; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Dean and his wife Betsy Ellen Dean shared a
24 fulfilling marriage until her passing; fortunate to find love once

1 again, he exchanged wedding vows with Brenda Forrest in 2006, and
2 they enjoyed great happiness together; Bob Dean was the proud
3 patriarch of a large blended family, to whom he was a ready source
4 of encouragement and wisdom, and his acts of kindness, large and
5 small, left an indelible impression on the hearts of many;
6 passionate about quality family time, RV trips, tailgating, and
7 country music, he also deeply treasured his affiliation with the
8 Holy Spirit Episcopal Church, where he was active in the
9 congregation for more than two decades; and

10 WHEREAS, A visionary leader in his field, Bob Dean forged a
11 distinguished career while never losing sight of what matters most,
12 and his memory will endure in the hearts of all those whose lives he
13 touched; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
16 of Robert Franklin Dean and extend sincere sympathy to the members
17 of his family: to his wife, Brenda Dean; to his children, Kyle Dean
18 and his wife, Kristen, and Courtney Dean Tully and her husband,
19 Bryan; to his sister, Marjorie Wooster, and her husband, Jeff; to
20 his nephews, Patrick Darnell, Jr., and his wife, Johnna, and Gene
21 Darnell and his wife, Carla; to his nieces, Tracie Resendez and her
22 husband, Daniel, and Lisa Franks; to his stepchildren, Robert
23 Kanary and his wife, Vicki, Shasta Ely and her husband, Shawn, and
24 Keaton Forrest; to his grandchildren, Hunter Dean, Blakely Tully,
25 Shannon Hansen, and Christian, Cason, and Lexis Ely; and to his
26 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
3 Franklin Dean.