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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of a highly respected and dedicated  
2 physician drew to a close with the passing of Dr. James Anderson  
3 Twining of Houston on October 26, 2012, at the age of 73; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on October 5, 1939, Jim Twining was the adopted  
5 son of Donald and Marjorie Twining of Aurora, Illinois; he  
6 demonstrated an early affinity for learning and for the outdoors  
7 that would stay with him throughout his life; after graduating from  
8 high school, he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from Drake  
9 University; between semesters, he worked as a construction worker,  
10 assembling steel beams as high as 95 feet from the ground without a  
11 safety harness, as was the practice at the time; and

12           WHEREAS, He received his medical degree from the University  
13 of Illinois at Chicago in 1965 and, the following year, completed a  
14 rotating internship at Chicago's Cook County Hospital, during which  
15 he delivered 160 babies in two months; Dr. Twining completed his  
16 pediatric residency at the Baylor-affiliated hospital residency  
17 program at the Texas Medical Center in Houston before serving for  
18 two years as a physician in the U.S. Army in Fort Lewis, Washington,  
19 and attaining the rank of major; and

20           WHEREAS, Although he had fallen in love with the Rocky  
21 Mountains and with Mount Rainier, Dr. Twining returned with his  
22 family to Houston, where he earned certification from the American  
23 Board of Pediatrics; he also became a fellow of the American Academy  
24 of Pediatrics and a member of the Texas Medical Association and the

1 Texas Pediatric Society; and

2 WHEREAS, This eminent physician became only the third  
3 pediatrician to serve the Clear Lake community, and he founded Bay  
4 Area Pediatrics in 1973; over the next four decades, his practice  
5 grew from serving 6 patients to some 36,000; known for his warm and  
6 considerate bedside manner, he provided expert care to generations  
7 of Bay Area residents and saved hundreds of lives, while earning the  
8 gratitude of patients ranging from NASA's astronaut corps to  
9 indigent residents of Harris and Galveston Counties; and

10 WHEREAS, Highly regarded by his colleagues for his skill,  
11 intellect, and compassion, Dr. Twining became chief of staff of the  
12 Clear Lake Regional Medical Center in 1985, and he served for many  
13 years as a clinical assistant professor at Baylor College of  
14 Medicine; he further benefited the community through his work at  
15 Texas Children's Hospital and Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital;  
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Twining enjoyed the love  
18 and support of his wife, Patricia, and his sons, Jeffrey, Donald,  
19 Andrew, Phillip, and Steven; along with his deep devotion to his  
20 family, his medical practice, and his patients, he had a zest for  
21 life that expressed itself in myriad ways; he was an avid mountain  
22 climber, summiting Mount Rainier four times and scaling numerous  
23 other peaks in Colorado and Wyoming; in addition, he ran marathons  
24 and had a personal best time of 3 hours and 36 minutes; later, he  
25 became a highly competitive and successful commercial hot air  
26 balloonist, while also finding time to hone his skills as a sailor,  
27 fly fisherman, photographer, and cyclist and to indulge his

1 appetite for literature and world travel; and

2 WHEREAS, Although his death has brought great sorrow to his  
3 loved ones, patients, and numerous friends, Jim Twining leaves  
4 behind a legacy of excellence, leadership, and kindness that will  
5 forever inspire all those who had the good fortune to know him; now,  
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Anderson  
9 Twining and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
10 his wife, Patricia; to his sons, Jeffrey, Donald, Andrew, Phillip,  
11 and Steven; to his grandchildren, Ethan, Hannah, Molly, Henry,  
12 Lucy, Jessica, Garret, Jake, and Travis; to his sister, Barbara;  
13 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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