

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Those Texans who give freely of their time and  
2 talents to benefit the larger community make the world a better  
3 place through their actions, and Randal G. Rockett of Katy, who  
4 passed away on October 14, 2012, was indeed one such person; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on December 6, 1930, Mr. Rockett spent his  
6 childhood on a farm near Red Oak before moving with his family to  
7 Dallas; he excelled in his studies and in the ROTC program at Sunset  
8 High School, and following his graduation, he served with the U.S.  
9 Army in France; and

10           WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life in 1953, Mr. Rockett  
11 began a notable career with AT&T that spanned nearly three decades;  
12 his employment in the plant, marketing, and sales departments took  
13 him to Houston, New York City, Kansas City, and Minneapolis before  
14 his retirement from the corporation in 1982; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Rockett went on to work with Nimmons Real Estate  
16 in Houston before establishing his own real estate and development  
17 company, RR Professional Services; dedicated to lending a helping  
18 hand, he shared his expertise with a number of neighbors and small  
19 businesses; he also taught classes at Houston Community College,  
20 where he assisted in creating a real estate program, the business  
21 steering committee, and seminars for individuals displaced by  
22 Hurricane Katrina; and

23           WHEREAS, This valued civic leader further gave back to his  
24 community through his efforts to establish the Academy for Lifelong

1 Learning, an initiative for senior citizens; he was also active in  
2 the Boy Scouts of America, playing an integral role in the creation  
3 of Troop No. 925, and in the YMCA, which he served in a number of  
4 significant capacities; in addition, his contributions were vital  
5 to the Katy Visual and Performing Arts Center, the Cinco Ranch  
6 developmental water boards, and Katy Christian Ministries; and

7 WHEREAS, A man of faith, he helped to found Grace Fellowship  
8 United Methodist Church, and he greatly benefited the congregation  
9 as its first board chair; and

10 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Rockett enjoyed the  
11 love and support of his wife, Marilyn, whom he met on a blind date in  
12 1953; over the course of their nearly six decades together, the  
13 couple were blessed with three children, Randy, Wes, and Lori, and  
14 two grandchildren, Kyle and Kelcie; and

15 WHEREAS, Randal Rockett led a life rich with accomplishment,  
16 and his dedication to Katy made a lasting, positive difference;  
17 although he will be deeply missed, he will long be remembered with  
18 admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Randal G. Rockett  
21 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
22 wife, Marilyn Rockett; to his sons, Randal Rockett, Jr., and Wesley  
23 Rockett; to his daughter, Lori Rockett; to his daughters-in-law,  
24 Jean Ann Rockett and Joanne Osborn; to his grandchildren, Kyle and  
25 Kelcie Rockett; to his brothers, Kermit Rockett and Terry Rockett;  
26 to his sister, Evelyn Pearson; and to his other relatives and  
27 friends; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Randal G.  
4 Rockett.

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Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 581 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 7, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House