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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.