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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Dallas lost a respected business leader
2 and a friend to many with the passing of Vance Charles Miller of
3 Dallas on February 23, 2013, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 19, 1933, in Seminole, Oklahoma,
5 Vance Miller was the son of Juanita and Henry S. Miller, Jr.; he
6 grew up in Dallas and graduated from Highland Park High School, and
7 he later earned a bachelor's degree in business administration from
8 Southern Methodist University in 1954; while in college, he met
9 Geraldine "Tincy" Erwin, and they married in 1956; he also served
10 his country in the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of lieutenant,
11 and subsequently served in the Air Force Reserve for several years;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller joined the family business, Henry
14 S. Miller Company, in 1959; established by his grandfather in 1914,
15 it was nurtured by Mr. Miller and his father into a large commercial
16 and residential real estate operation; he became president of the
17 company in 1970 and helped it grow into one of the largest real
18 estate firms in the country; along the way, he served as a mentor to
19 his employees and even encouraged a number of them to start their
20 own businesses; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller and his father sold the company in 1983
22 but remained involved in its operations as members of its board of
23 directors; the Millers relaunched Henry S. Miller Co. in 1994, and
24 it went on to play a major role in the development of the growing

1 city; and

2 WHEREAS, Devoted to his hometown, Mr. Miller shared his time
3 and resources with numerous civic and community organizations,
4 including the Dallas Symphony Orchestra, and he supported several
5 Republican candidates and political causes; an avid golfer, he was
6 a founding member of Preston Trail Golf Club, and he could often be
7 found on the links; he was known for his optimism and dry wit, and
8 his penchant for colorful sayings was greatly appreciated by his
9 many friends; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller treasured the time he spent with his
11 family; he and his wife enjoyed more than 56 years together and were
12 the parents of four children, Vance, Vaughn, Greg, and Cynthia, and
13 they also had eight grandchildren, Nathaniel, Penny, Vaughn, Lance,
14 Vance, Gigi, Wes, and Wyatt; and

15 WHEREAS, Vance Miller made a meaningful difference in the
16 lives of his fellow Texans, and he leaves behind a legacy that will
17 continue to inspire all those who were privileged to know him; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Vance Charles
21 Miller and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:
22 to his wife, Tincy Miller; to his children, Vaughn E. Miller and his
23 wife, Dena, Gregory Miller and his wife, Kim, and Cynthia
24 Vance-Abrams and her husband, Bob Abrams; to his grandchildren,
25 Nathaniel Abrams, Penny, Vaughn, Lance, Vance Calvin, and Gigi
26 Miller, and Wes and Wyatt Miller; to his sisters, Patsy Miller
27 Donosky and Jacqueline Miller Stewart and her husband, Peter

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1 B. Stewart; to his brother, Henry S. Miller III; and to his other
2 relatives and friends; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Vance
6 Miller.