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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close when Wayne Oscar Stockseth of Corpus Christi passed away on
3 March 11, 2013, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Oscar and Libby Nemec Stockseth, Wayne
5 Stockseth was born in Oak Park, Illinois, on October 22, 1930; he
6 earned a bachelor's degree in economics from California State
7 University--Sacramento in 1953 before joining the United States
8 Navy; at the end of his five years of service as a naval aviator, he
9 was stationed as a flight instructor at Naval Air Station Corpus
10 Christi, and it was there that he met Norma Lee Linkenhoger; the
11 pair were soon married, and their 55 years together were further
12 enriched by the addition of three sons, Steven, Lee, and Mark; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Stockseth was known for his impressive
14 entrepreneurial spirit, and during his notable tenure in the
15 private sector, he founded more than 20 businesses; engaged in his
16 community as well, he was involved with the United Way and the
17 American Cancer Society and served as co-chair of the Jerry Lewis
18 Muscular Dystrophy Association Telethon; in addition, he held
19 leadership roles with the Corpus Christi Town Club, the Bank of
20 America Corpus Christi Advisory Board, the Corpus Christi Chamber
21 of Commerce, and the Texas Motor Transportation Association; he was
22 also a member of the 20th Senatorial District of the State
23 Democratic Executive Committee and the First United Methodist
24 Church board; and

1 WHEREAS, A strong proponent of education throughout his life,
2 Mr. Stockseth received a gubernatorial appointment to serve as a
3 regent of the University of North Texas and later acted as chair of
4 the UNT Foundation Board; he was made an honorary alumnus of the
5 school and a life member of its president's council; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Stockseth also served as a trustee for the
7 Corpus Christi Osteopathic Hospital and the Texas College of
8 Osteopathic Medicine in Fort Worth as well as a member of the TCOM
9 Foundation and dean's advisory committee, the executive committee
10 of the National Osteopathic Foundation, and the investment
11 committee of the American Osteopathic Association; in recognition
12 of his work, Mr. Stockseth received numerous accolades, including a
13 Certificate of Meritorious Service and Founders Medal from TCOM, an
14 honorary membership in the Texas Osteopathic Medical Association,
15 and a Distinguished Service Certificate and a William D. Miller
16 Award from the American Osteopathic Association; moreover, the
17 Wayne O. Stockseth Endowed Scholarship is awarded annually to a
18 graduating senior of the Texas College of Osteopathic Medicine at
19 the UNT Health Science Center; and

20 WHEREAS, During his leisure time, Mr. Stockseth loved
21 travelling the world with his wife; he also bred and raced horses;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Wayne Stockseth gave freely of his time and
24 expertise to better his community, and he leaves behind a legacy
25 that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Wayne Oscar Stockseth

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1 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
2 wife, Norma Lee Linkenhoger Stockseth; to his sons, Steven, Lee,
3 and Mark Stockseth; to his grandchildren, Samantha, Denton,
4 Benjamin, and Lillie; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
5 be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wayne Oscar
9 Stockseth.