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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Inspirational author and speaker Zig Ziglar of
2 Plano, who changed the lives of countless people for the better with
3 his positive messages and teachings, died on November 28, 2012, at
4 the age of 86; and

5 WHEREAS, Hilary Hinton "Zig" Ziglar was born on November 6,
6 1926, as the 10th of 12 children in his family, and he grew up in
7 Yazoo City, Mississippi; as a young man, he served this nation in
8 the U.S. Navy in World War II, and he pursued studies at the
9 University of South Carolina; and

10 WHEREAS, During the course of a long career in sales,
11 Mr. Ziglar became interested in motivational speaking, and after
12 personally undergoing a transformation in his spiritual faith, he
13 embarked on a new career as a speaker and author; in the years that
14 followed, he presented his ideas on how to achieve success, often
15 incorporating biblical principles into his teachings; he published
16 his first book, *See You at the Top*, in 1975; he went on to write such
17 titles as *Raising Positive Kids in a Negative World*, *Success for*
18 *Dummies*, and *Born to Win*; his work has been translated into 36
19 languages, and 10 of his books have been best sellers; and

20 WHEREAS, A highly sought-after speaker, Mr. Ziglar spoke of
21 how to excel through character, attitude, and skill to audiences
22 across the nation and around the globe, and he appeared at events
23 alongside former U.S. presidents and former British prime minister
24 Margaret Thatcher; the company he founded continues to offer

1 motivational and training seminars to corporations, small
2 businesses, and other groups; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ziglar's achievements were recognized on many
4 occasions; the National Speakers Association presented him with the
5 Master of Influence Award, the Council of Peers Award for
6 Excellence, and the Cavett Award; moreover, he was cited three
7 times in the U.S. Congressional Record for his work with youth in
8 the war on drugs, his dedication to this nation, and his support of
9 the free enterprise system; in 2001, he received the Silver Buffalo
10 Award from the Boy Scouts of America; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Ziglar and his wife, Jean, married in 1946 and
12 shared 66 years together; they were the parents of four children,
13 Tom Ziglar, Cindy Oates, Julie Norman, and Suzan Witmeyer, who
14 preceded her father in death; and

15 WHEREAS, Zig Ziglar shared his insight and wisdom with people
16 across the nation, reminding them that, as he put it, "You can have
17 everything in life you want if you just help enough other people get
18 what they want"; that powerful idea and the other principles he
19 espoused resonated with individuals the world over, and they will
20 continue to be an important influence long into the future; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life and work of Zig Ziglar
24 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
25 wife, Jean Ziglar; to his daughters, Julie Norman and Cindy Oates;
26 to his son, Tom Ziglar; to his 7 grandchildren, 12
27 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandson; and to his other

1 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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