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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Houston lost an admired business and  
2 civic leader on September 27, 2012, when Lloyd McReynolds passed  
3 away at the age of 85; and

4           WHEREAS, A fourth-generation Houstonian, "Bland" McReynolds  
5 was born on August 18, 1927, to Lloyd and Hazel McReynolds; he  
6 overcame polio as a young child and was playing on a basketball team  
7 by the time he was a teenager; he later helped lead a local Sea Scout  
8 troop and participated in civil defense exercises; in 1946, he  
9 graduated from The Kinkaid School, and in 1950, he earned a  
10 bachelor's degree from Southern Methodist University, where he was  
11 a member of Alpha Tau Omega fraternity; and

12           WHEREAS, After college, Mr. McReynolds returned to Houston to  
13 work for the family business, Universal Printing, for several  
14 years, before selling it to begin what would become a long and  
15 successful career in real estate and investment; a prominent figure  
16 in his professional community, Mr. McReynolds helped organize the  
17 Houston Apartment Association, served as the first president of the  
18 Texas Apartment Association, and cofounded Pan American Land  
19 Company; moreover, he established and owned Bland McReynolds  
20 Interests and River Oaks Commercial Corporation and was the general  
21 partner of West Belt Crossing; and

22           WHEREAS, Civically engaged, Mr. McReynolds served as chair of  
23 the Houston City Planning Commission, president of the Zoological  
24 Society of Houston, and director of Civil Defense under three

1 mayors; he was also active with local causes supporting property  
2 rights and taxpayer interests, and he was part of the Houston host  
3 committee to re-elect President Gerald Ford; in addition, he was a  
4 director and chair of the board of Union Bank of Houston, and served  
5 as a director of numerous other financial institutions in the area;  
6 in addition, Mr. McReynolds was director and president of the River  
7 Oaks Property Owners Association and a cofounder and director of  
8 the National Foundation for Ileitis and Colitis; and

9       WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan married LaNelle Ueckert in 1959  
10 and they became the parents of three children, Melanie, John, and  
11 Joseph; at the age of 70, he married the former Judy Baumann and  
12 they shared 15 rewarding years together; and

13       WHEREAS, Mr. McReynolds was a member of the Navy League of the  
14 United States and a colonel in the Commemorative Air Force, and in  
15 his leisure time, he loved flying friends and family around in his  
16 prized PA 31P Navajo airplane; an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed  
17 skeet shooting and bird hunting, and he also took great pleasure in  
18 boating with family and friends on Lake McQueeney; he was a member  
19 of River Oaks Country Club, the Coronado Club, the Key Club, Lake  
20 Breeze Ski Lodge, and the Greater Houston Gun Club; and

21       WHEREAS, Friendly and outgoing, Bland McReynolds made a  
22 positive difference in countless lives through his dedication to  
23 the city he was proud to call home, and he will be remembered with  
24 great admiration by all those who had the good fortune to know him;  
25 now, therefore, be it

26       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lloyd "Bland"

1 McReynolds and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
2 family: to his wife, Judy Baumann; to his children, Melanie  
3 Lehmborg and her husband, Tim, John M. McReynolds and his wife,  
4 Karen, and Joseph Bland McReynolds; to his grandchildren, Katy  
5 George and her husband, Stephen, Scott, Grant, and Matthew  
6 Buchanan, Francie Krienitz and her husband, Dean, and Cameron,  
7 Laura Anne, Ellie, J. D., and Sarah McReynolds; to his sister,  
8 Dorothy Browne; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be  
9 it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bland  
13 McReynolds.