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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives joins the
2 citizens of Houston in mourning the loss of Bob Perry, who died on
3 April 13, 2013, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Perry was born on October 30, 1932, and raised on
5 a farm in rural Bosque County, where he developed a strong work
6 ethic at an early age; after earning a degree from Baylor
7 University, he taught high school history and coached football
8 before entering the construction business; in 1968, he founded
9 Perry Homes, which now ranks among the largest homebuilders in the
10 nation; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was a well-known philanthropist who
12 donated generously to a number of worthwhile causes, including the
13 Casa Hogar orphanage in Matamoros, Mexico, and other youth programs
14 in South and Central America; a firm believer in helping those who
15 need it most, he advocated for a sensible immigration solution,
16 equitable treatment in the judicial process, and the fundamental
17 right of all people to a quality education; and

18 WHEREAS, He was a major donor to conservative political
19 candidates, campaigns, and political action committees; between
20 2000 and 2010 alone, Mr. Perry gave some \$66 million to groups in
21 Texas and across the nation, notably Texans for Lawsuit Reform, the
22 Swift Boat Veterans for Truth, the Economic Freedom Fund, American
23 Crossroads, and Restore Our Future; he backed both Republican and
24 Democratic candidates and was especially supportive of efforts to

1 help more Hispanic Republican candidates win elected office; and

2 WHEREAS, A man of courage and unshakeable principles, he gave
3 generously to others, and his unfailing civility, his commitment to
4 conservative causes, and his enthusiasm for living each day to the
5 fullest will not be forgotten; and

6 WHEREAS, Bob Perry was a devoted husband and father, and he
7 leaves behind memories that will be treasured forever by his family
8 and friends; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bob Perry and extend
11 sincere condolences to his bereaved family and friends; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bob Perry.