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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of David Austin Griffin of Prosper, who passed away on
3 April 8, 2012, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, David Griffin was born in Paris, Texas, on November
5 15, 1935, to James and Leafy Griffin; after graduating from Paris
6 High School in 1954, he attended The University of Texas and earned
7 a bachelor's degree at East Texas State University; he went on to
8 pursue graduate studies at Southeastern State College in Durant,
9 Oklahoma; from 1957 to 1962, he served his nation as a member of the
10 U.S. Navy Reserve; and

11 WHEREAS, After working as a teacher in Oklahoma, Mr. Griffin
12 worked for the City of Paris before joining a tax consulting firm in
13 Houston and then serving as finance director for the City of
14 McKinney; in 1970, he became the finance director of Plano, and the
15 following year, he was appointed city manager; over the course of
16 his tenure from 1971 to 1985, Plano grew from a farming community of
17 17,000 to a bustling suburb of more than 100,000; Mr. Griffin later
18 served as executive director of the Dallas Regional Mobility
19 Coalition before retiring in 1996; and

20 WHEREAS, This esteemed civic leader was named Management
21 Innovator of the Year by the International City/County Management
22 Association in 1981, and he earned further recognition as a Paul
23 Harris Fellow from Rotary International and as a Texas Road Hand
24 from the Texas Department of Transportation; he was a founder and

1 emeritus board member of the Hendrick Scholarship Foundation; an
2 admirer of Thomas Jefferson, he also loved the works of Mark Twain,
3 and he enjoyed debating politics, listening to classical music,
4 playing golf, and tending the seven acres of his retirement home in
5 Prosper; and

6 WHEREAS, A skilled and devoted public servant, David Griffin
7 was energetic and intellectually curious, and those fortunate
8 enough to have known him will remember the way he touched their
9 lives with his easy smile and quick wit; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of David Austin Griffin
12 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
13 wife of 50 years, Claudine Brackeen Griffin; to his sons and their
14 spouses, Mark and Elaine Sena and J. and Laurie Sena; to his
15 daughter and her husband, Leanne and Dave R. Williams; to his 13
16 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and to his other
17 relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David
21 Austin Griffin.