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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Odessa lost a respected business and  
2 community leader with the death of Fred Donald George on May 8,  
3 2013, at the age of 67; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Odessa on August 14, 1945, Fred George  
5 graduated from Permian High School in 1964 and earned his  
6 bachelor's degree from St. Edward's University four years later; he  
7 went to work in the oil business and later purchased, expanded, and  
8 diversified his father's well-servicing company, which maintained  
9 one of the best safety records in the industry; Mr. George served  
10 his professional community as president of the Association of  
11 Oilwell Servicing Contractors; he also owned a beer  
12 distributorship, a welding company, and several large ranching  
13 operations, and he was instrumental in real estate development in  
14 the area and in the Texas Hill Country; he was named Entrepreneur of  
15 the Year in 2000; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. George was a city councilman in the late 1970s,  
17 and he served as mayor pro tem and as a member of the Mayor's Drug  
18 and Alcohol Task Force; one of the founders of Harmony Home  
19 Children's Advocacy Center, a shelter for abused children, he also  
20 served on the Pastoral Council at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic  
21 Church, supported Odessa Catholic Charities, and dedicated time to  
22 the local food bank's board of directors; and

23           WHEREAS, A devoted husband and family man, Mr. George married  
24 his high school sweetheart, the former Amanda Wallace, in 1971;

1 over the years, their family grew to include 4 children and 10  
2 grandchildren, and Mr. George spent many happy hours attending  
3 their recitals and sporting events or relaxing in the company of his  
4 loved ones at the family vacation home on Lake LBJ; an avid  
5 outdoorsman, he journeyed around the globe to indulge his passion  
6 for hunting and fishing, and he also visited the Holy Land and  
7 Vatican City; and

8 WHEREAS, Fred George was known for his dedication to his  
9 family and for his professional and civic accomplishments, and his  
10 contributions will continue to resonate in the city he loved for  
11 years to come; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Fred Donald George  
14 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
15 wife, Amanda George; to his children, Benjamin George and his wife,  
16 Brooke, Melinda Tucker and her husband, Brian, Amy Koch and her  
17 husband, Kelvin, and Sarah Branum and her husband, Andrew; to his  
18 brother, Mike George, and his wife, Phyllis; to his sisters, Sheila  
19 Denton and her husband, James, Madeline George, and Mary Maier and  
20 her husband, Tom; to his 10 grandchildren; and to his other  
21 relatives and friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in honor of Fred George.