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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Judge J. Kent Adams of Houston on
2 October 18, 2014, at the age of 74, brought a great loss to all those
3 who were privileged to know this esteemed public servant; and

4 WHEREAS, A fifth-generation Texan, Kent Adams was born to
5 Laoma Elizabeth Rice Adams and Captain James Byron "J. B." Adams in
6 Houston on October 23, 1939; he completed his bachelor's degree at
7 the University of Houston and went on to serve his country in the
8 United States Army; after beginning his career in the insurance
9 industry, he graduated from the South Texas College of Law and was
10 an attorney in private practice before his appointment as the
11 justice of the peace for Precinct 4, Place 1, in 2001; and

12 WHEREAS, Judge Adams demonstrated exceptional skill and
13 vision in presiding over one of the area's busiest justice of the
14 peace courts, and he was tireless in his efforts to help troubled
15 young people; both tough and compassionate, he recognized the need
16 to involve parents in guiding their children along the right path,
17 and he was associated with a number of successful initiatives,
18 including an Adults Relating to Kids program that reduced
19 recidivism; he also worked with the Boy Scouts of America to develop
20 a court-collaborative deferred adjudication program for first-time
21 offenders, and a number of participants went on to become Eagle
22 Scouts; and

23 WHEREAS, Highly engaged in his community, Judge Adams was the
24 founding president of the Houston Northwest Chamber of Commerce,

1 and as chairman emeritus, he continued to share his knowledge and
2 expertise with the chamber and its board; he was active in the
3 Republican Party in North Harris County, and he was a Boy Scout
4 leader and a founder and supporter of the Pearl Fincher Museum of
5 Fine Arts and the Cypress Creek Foundation for the Arts and
6 Community Enrichment; and

7 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan was named Citizen of the Year by
8 the chamber of commerce; his numerous accolades further included
9 the Book of Golden Deeds Award from the Exchange Club and the
10 District Award of Merit from the Boy Scouts; devoted to his wife,
11 Pauline Adams, and to his children, he enjoyed nothing more than
12 spending time with his large extended family; and

13 WHEREAS, Kent Adams made a lasting, positive difference in
14 countless lives through his unyielding commitment to public
15 service, and his contributions will be remembered with admiration
16 for years to come; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable J.
19 Kent Adams and extend sincere sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
24 Honorable J. Kent Adams.