

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Fort Worth lost an esteemed public  
2 servant with the passing of former mayor Bob Bolen on January 6,  
3 2014, at the age of 87; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Chicago on April 10, 1926, Robert Eugene  
5 Bolen was the son of Milford and Bee Bolen; he briefly attended  
6 Texas A&M University before answering his nation's call to duty  
7 during World War II by enlisting in the U.S. Navy and serving as a  
8 gunnery officer aboard the USS *Iowa*; honorably discharged in 1946,  
9 he subsequently reenrolled at TAMU, where he received a bachelor's  
10 degree in business administration in 1948; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Bolen began his career by working for McCrory  
12 Stores, following in the footsteps of his father, a longtime  
13 manager with the company; while employed at a store in Syracuse, New  
14 York, he met Frances Ciborowski, and the two later married; through  
15 the years, they were blessed with a treasured family of six  
16 children; and

17           WHEREAS, After Mr. Bolen and his family settled in Fort  
18 Worth, he left McCrory to open a shop that sold toys and bicycles,  
19 and he later expanded his operation to include 20 Hallmark card  
20 stores across the Dallas-Fort Worth Metroplex and in San Antonio;  
21 in 1979, he decided to pursue public office and was elected as the  
22 District 6 representative on the Fort Worth City Council; he  
23 quickly garnered the respect of his constituents and colleagues,  
24 and voters chose him as the city's mayor in a special election in

1 1982; and

2           WHEREAS, Mr. Bolen went on to distinguish himself during a  
3 nine-year tenure in that office, becoming the city's  
4 longest-serving mayor; he compiled an impressive list of  
5 accomplishments, overseeing the development of Fort Worth Alliance  
6 Airport and the American Airlines maintenance facility, the  
7 completion of the U.S. Bureau of Engraving and Printing building,  
8 and the arrival of such new companies as Burlington Northern and The  
9 University of Texas at Arlington Advanced Robotics Research  
10 Institute; moreover, he partnered with prominent figures in the  
11 region to revitalize the downtown area with the addition of the  
12 Tandy Center and Sundance Square and the refurbishment of the Hotel  
13 Texas and General Worth Square; and

14           WHEREAS, Other highlights of his years in office included the  
15 establishment of the Fort Worth Transportation Authority, the  
16 Dallas/Fort Worth International Trade Resource Center, and the  
17 Metroplex High Technology Education Task Force; renowned as the  
18 "people's mayor," he demonstrated remarkable dedication to his  
19 adopted hometown and consistently worked more than 60 hours a week  
20 to carry forth his ideal that he should leave the city an even  
21 better place than he found it; and

22           WHEREAS, In addition to the duties of his office, Mr. Bolen  
23 served as the president of the Texas Municipal League in 1987, and  
24 he was elected as a member of the board for the National League of  
25 Cities in 1985, becoming that body's president in 1990; after  
26 leaving office in 1991, he held membership on advisory boards and  
27 city committees, and he joined Texas Christian University as a

1 senior advisor to the chancellor and as a mentor for the  
2 institution's entrepreneur program; this visionary civic leader  
3 was conferred honorary doctorates in public service from the  
4 University of North Texas and TCU, as well as an honorary doctorate  
5 of humanities from Texas Wesleyan University; and

6 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of  
7 one man's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark on  
8 the world as they move through it, and Bob Bolen's contributions  
9 will long resonate in the Fort Worth community and in the lives of  
10 all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bob Bolen and extend  
13 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Fran;  
14 to his daughter, Terrie Manning and her husband, David; to his sons,  
15 Randy Bolen and his wife, Pam, and Ron Bolen; to his foster son, Don  
16 Cosby and his wife, Kathryn; to his grandchildren, Jeff Bolen, Chad  
17 Bolen, Shannon Young, Matthew Manning, Jamie Manning, Tucker Cosby,  
18 and Anne Claire Cosby; to his great-grandchildren, Brady, Brennan,  
19 Charlie, and Robert Walter; to his niece, Sandy Bolen; to his  
20 nephew, Brad Bolen; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
21 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 memory of Bob Bolen.

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Straus	Guerra	Otto
Allen	Guillen	Paddie
Alonzo	Gutierrez	Parker
Alvarado	Harless	Paul
Anchia	Hernandez	Peña
Anderson of Dallas	Herrero	Phelan
Anderson of McLennan	Howard	Phillips
Ashby	Huberty	Pickett
Aycock	Hughes	Price
Bell	Hunter	Raney
Blanco	Isaac	Raymond
Bohac	Israel	Reynolds
Bonnen of Brazoria	Johnson	Riddle
Bonnen of Galveston	Kacal	Rinaldi
Burkett	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Burns	Keough	Rodriguez of Travis
Burrows	King of Hemphill	Romero, Jr.
Button	King of Parker	Rose
Canales	King of Taylor	Sanford
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Schaefer
Clardy	Klick	Schofield
Coleman	Koop	Shaheen
Collier	Krause	Sheets
Cook	Kuempel	Sheffield
Craddick	Landgraf	Simmons
Crownover	Larson	Simpson
Dale	Laubenberg	Smith
Darby	Leach	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Spitzer
Davis of Harris	Lozano	Springer
Deshotel	Lucio III	Stephenson
Dukes	Márquez	Stickland
Dutton	Martinez	Thompson of Brazoria
Elkins	Martinez Fischer	Thompson of Harris
Faircloth	McClendon	Tinderholt
Fallon	Menéndez	Turner of Collin
Farias	Metcalf	Turner of Harris
Farney	Meyer	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	VanDeaver
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villalba
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White of Bell
Galindo	Muñoz, Jr.	White of Tyler
Geren	Murphy	Workman
Giddings	Murr	Wray
Goldman	Naishtat	Wu
Gonzales	Nevárez	Zedler
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H.R. No. 161

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 161 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 19, 2015.

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Chief Clerk of the House