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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
of Martin Kerner of Houston, who passed away on September 30, 2014,
at the age of 66; and

WHEREAS, Marty Kerner was born in New York City on October 9, 1947, to Alma and Paul Kerner; after moving to Texas, he attended Bellaire High School and went on to graduate from the University of Houston with a degree in political science; and

8 WHEREAS, For much of his career, Mr. Kerner served as a vice 9 president at TranspoTrade International, a freight forwarding 10 company, and his work afforded him extensive opportunities for 11 world travel; and

WHEREAS, Inspired by John F. Kennedy, Mr. Kerner devoted 12 countless hours to political activism, supporting the causes in 13 14 which he believed and remaining enthusiastic and involved despite the challenges he faced as a progressive in a conservative majority 15 16 state; he was a cofounder and vice president of the Sharpstown Democrats Club in Houston, and in 2012, he served as a delegate to 17 18 the Democratic National Convention; a stalwart of his party, he is fondly remembered for his sharp wit and for his acute insights into 19 20 political campaigns; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Kerner took great pride in Rice University and 22 contributed to its athletics program through his longtime 23 membership in the Owl Club; he even persuaded his daughter, 24 Michelle, to attend Rice by taking her as a child to the school's

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1 football games; in addition to being a loyal Rice fan, he was an 2 ardent baseball enthusiast; and

3 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman was a member of Congregation 4 Beth Yeshurun for many years and was a staunch supporter of the 5 State of Israel; and

6 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, generous to his friends, and 7 passionately engaged in the world around him, Marty Kerner is 8 dearly missed, and those who were blessed to share in his love and 9 affection will forever hold him close in their hearts; now, 10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas 12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Martin Kerner and 13 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his 14 daughter, Michelle Kerner Arnold and her husband, Frank; to his 15 brother, Howard Kerner and his wife, Renee; to his nephew, Paul 16 Kerner; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 352 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 19, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House