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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life has drawn to a close with  
2 the death of Charles Coleman Winn of Corpus Christi on February 20,  
3 2015, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Charlie Winn was born on June 18, 1928, in Long  
5 Beach, California, to Charles A. Winn and Milla Blanche Nelson  
6 Winn; he graduated from William Adams High School in Alice, Texas,  
7 in 1945, and he went on to attend Texas A&I University at Kingsville  
8 and The University of Texas at Austin; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Winn shared more than 64 years of marriage with  
10 Patsy H. Brown, and he was the proud father of five children,  
11 Stephanie Winn, C. A. Winn, Tom Winn, Southern Winn, and the late  
12 Sissy Winn Seale; and

13 WHEREAS, The founder of Winn Exploration Company, Mr. Winn  
14 worked for many years in the oil business in Texas and nine other  
15 states, as well as Australia and Canada, and he served on the  
16 National Petroleum Council; he was also active in banking as a board  
17 member for American Bank in Corpus Christi and director of First  
18 National Bank and Highland Park State Bank in San Antonio;  
19 recognized for his professional achievements, he was named an "All  
20 American Wildcatter" in 1993, and in 1996, he received the M. B.  
21 Rudman Outstanding Wildcatter Award; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Winn dedicated much of his time and energy to  
23 serving his community, especially as an advocate for higher  
24 education; he served on various boards for Texas A&I University,

1 Baylor University's Council for Institutional Development, the  
2 Santa Rosa Medical Center, Baptist Child and Family Services, and  
3 the Texas State Aquarium; he was the Texas Ambassador of Goodwill to  
4 the inauguration of Mexican president Adolfo Lopez Mateos, and he  
5 was twice named Señor Amistad for his efforts to promote amity  
6 between the United States and Mexico; and

7 WHEREAS, In 2001, Mr. Winn was honored by the Texas House of  
8 Representatives for his contributions to the communities of Eagle  
9 Pass and Uvalde and the State of Texas; his philanthropy was also  
10 recognized by the South Texas Celebrity Weekend, the South Texas  
11 Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the American Heart  
12 Association, and the American Cancer Society; in 2008, his family  
13 established the C. C. (Charlie) Winn Endowed Chair for Quail  
14 Research at the Caesar Kleberg Wildlife Research Institute, and in  
15 2012, he was presented with the G. Russell Kirkland Award for his  
16 support of Texas A&M University--Corpus Christi and South Texas;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, A loving family man, a dedicated community leader,  
19 and a dynamic entrepreneur, Charlie Winn was both a Texas success  
20 story and the embodiment of the spirit of civic engagement, and he  
21 leaves behind a legacy of service to others that will continue to  
22 inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charles Coleman Winn  
25 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
26 wife, Patsy H. Brown; to his daughter, Stephanie Winn; to his sons,  
27 C. A. Winn and his wife, Nancy, Tom Winn and his wife, Melissa, and

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1 Southern Winn and his wife, Cathy; to his grandchildren, Megan,  
2 Southern, Amy, Trey, Sissy, and Nicole Winn; to his  
3 great-granddaughter, Vivian Marie Winn; and to his other relatives  
4 and friends; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles  
8 Coleman Winn.