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H.R. No. 2946

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A successful entrepreneur and longtime civic leader
2 in El Paso, Barry Organ Coleman, passed away on May 9, 2015, at the
3 age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Chicago, Illinois, on October 8, 1931,
5 Mr. Coleman worked at Walgreens as a youth and received a company
6 scholarship to study at the University of Arkansas College of
7 Pharmacy; he was stationed in El Paso while serving in the United
8 States Army and adopted it as his hometown; in 1960, he and his
9 wife, Barbara, opened Coleman Pharmacy, and over the years, they
10 built the business into a chain of 11 stores; he served his
11 profession in numerous capacities, including as president of the
12 Texas Pharmacy Association; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman was deeply committed to public health,
14 and he was one of the first to advocate for pharmacies to end
15 tobacco sales; he chaired the El Paso City-County Board of Health,
16 and he gave generously of his time and resources to The University
17 of Texas at El Paso Cooperative Pharmacy Program; in 2014, he and
18 his wife established a professorship at the UTEP College of Health
19 Sciences to research issues along the Mexican border; he also
20 benefited the wider community through his service at the helm of
21 many organizations, among them the El Paso County Historical
22 Society, the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce, and the El Paso
23 Downtown Kiwanis Club; moreover, he was active in Democratic
24 politics, and he was a deacon at University Presbyterian Church;

1 and

2 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family and his community, Barry
3 Coleman made a meaningful difference in the lives of his loved ones
4 and fellow citizens alike, and he will be fondly remembered for
5 years to come; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Barry Organ Coleman
8 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
9 wife of 56 years, Barbara Forester Coleman; to his children,
10 Russell F. Coleman and his wife, Martha, Anne Coleman Hartley and
11 her husband, Mark, Regan Coleman, Douglas Coleman and his wife,
12 Colleen Morris, and Hugh Coleman and his wife, Bernadette; to his
13 grandchildren, Michael Coleman, Catherine Hartley, Margaret
14 Coleman, Sarah Coleman, Grace Coleman, Russell Barry Coleman, John
15 Coleman, Ben Coleman, Hugh J. Coleman, Helena Coleman, and Summer
16 Hartley; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
17 further

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