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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Stuart Sinclair Coleman of Brownwood on
3 June 2, 2014, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Brownwood on September 30, 1926, to Cheslie
5 and Erva Sinclair Coleman, Stuart Coleman answered his nation's
6 call to duty by serving in World War II as a member of the U.S. Army;
7 after earning an honorable discharge, he returned to his hometown,
8 where he helped his father on the family farm and later worked in
9 automotive sales; and

10 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Coleman shared a long and
11 fulfilling marriage with his wife, the former Margaret Turner, and
12 over the decades they were blessed with a treasured family that
13 included a daughter, Ann, and two grandsons, Stephen and Andrew; in
14 1956, the couple founded the Coleman Distributing Company, a
15 wholesale beer distributor that they operated for 56 years; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Coleman first entered public service in 1960
17 with his election to the Brown County Water Improvement District,
18 which he served for over half a century, including nine years as its
19 chair; appointed to the Texas Water Development Board by Governor
20 Mark White in 1990, he later served two terms as a member of the
21 Region F Water Planning Group, and he went on to serve for six years
22 on the Texas Building and Procurement Commission as an appointee of
23 Governor Rick Perry; and

24 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan further distinguished himself

1 through his service on the boards of the Brownwood Area Chamber of
2 Commerce, the Brownwood Economic Development Corporation, the
3 Brownwood Regional Medical Center, the Brownwood Industrial
4 Foundation, the Brownwood Regional Airport, and the J. R. Beadel
5 Central Texas Foundation, as well as the Wholesale Beer
6 Distributors of Texas; and

7 WHEREAS, In recognition of his outstanding leadership, he was
8 presented with the 2007 Groner Pitts Lifetime of Service Award, the
9 2000 Pioneer Award for Continuous Service, and the 1994
10 Distinguished Service Award from the Brownwood Area Chamber of
11 Commerce, as well as with the 1991 Team Brownwood Distinguished
12 Industrial Service Award; he was also named Brownwood's Outstanding
13 Man Over 40 in 1994, and he and his wife received special tribute
14 with the naming of the Margaret and Stuart Coleman Plaza in their
15 honor in 1999; and

16 WHEREAS, Stuart Coleman made a lasting, positive difference
17 in his community, and memories of his extraordinary selflessness
18 and generosity will be a continuing source of inspiration to all who
19 had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Stuart Sinclair
22 Coleman and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
23 family: to his wife, Margaret Coleman; to his daughter, Ann
24 McCrummen; to his grandsons, Stephen and Andrew McCrummen; to his
25 brother, Jerry Coleman, and his wife, Polly; and to his many other
26 relatives and friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Stuart
3 Sinclair Coleman.