

By: Turner of Harris

H.R. No. 3426

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Admired attorney and civic leader Robert Wayne
2 Strauser of Austin passed away on May 21, 2015, at the age of 71,
3 only 12 days before the end of his 19th legislative regular session
4 at the Texas Capitol; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Christopher "Pete" Strauser and Opal Orr
6 Strauser, Bob Strauser was born in Little Rock, Arkansas, on August
7 8, 1943; he graduated from Davidson College and The University of
8 Texas School of Law, and in 1968, he was hired by the Texas
9 Legislative Council as a drafting attorney; subsequently, he served
10 as general counsel to the House Judiciary Committee, and in 1974, he
11 was recruited to form the Texas Association of Taxpayers; after
12 years, he joined the firm of Baker Botts L.L.P., and although he
13 retired in 2008, he continued to represent clients before the
14 legislature until a week before his death; he was very proud to have
15 served for many years in the Judge Advocate General's Corps of the
16 United States Navy Reserve, attaining the rank of captain; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Strauser shared a fulfilling relationship with
18 his wife, Terri Seales, and he found great joy in raising his
19 children, Ben and Ann; he coached their soccer teams, and he was
20 happy to include their friends in family activities, achieving
21 recognition as "the cool dad"; in addition, he served on the board
22 of the Big Brothers Little League teams of East Austin; he was a
23 tireless supporter of the Austin Symphony Orchestra and a longtime
24 member of its board and executive committee, and he also served on

1 the McDonald Observatory Board of Visitors; and

2 WHEREAS, A man of integrity and unfailing courtesy, Bob
3 Strauser will be deeply missed by all who were fortunate enough to
4 know him, and his family and friends will forever remember the way
5 he touched their lives with his wisdom, generosity, and wonderful
6 sense of humor; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Wayne Strauser
9 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
10 wife, Terri Seales; to his children, Ben Strauser and Ann Strauser
11 Palmer and her husband, Stephen; to his grandsons, Benjamin and
12 Henry Palmer; to his sister, June Aaron; to his mother-in-law,
13 Arlene Seales; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
14 it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
18 Wayne "Bob" Strauser.