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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Robert G. Neill Jr. of El Paso, who died on May 30,
3 2015, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Neill was born in Passaic, New Jersey, on June 4,
5 1944, to Mildred Ziegler and Robert Neill, who served as a
6 lieutenant colonel in the U.S. Army; the family lived in France,
7 South Korea, and Brownwood, Texas, before settling in El Paso in
8 1957; Mr. Neill graduated as co-valedictorian of the Irvin High
9 School Class of 1962, and he went on to earn a bachelor's degree at
10 Colgate University; after receiving his law degree from The
11 University of Texas at Austin in 1970, he returned to El Paso with
12 his new bride, Rosemary Vivero; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Neill began his career in the trust department
14 of the El Paso National Bank, where he rose to vice president; he
15 later opened a private practice in probate law, helping countless
16 clients over the years, no matter how difficult their cases and
17 regardless of their ability to pay; he was a founding member and
18 board chair of the El Paso Probate Bar Association, a fellow of the
19 Texas Bar Foundation, and a founding board member of the El Paso
20 Community Foundation; and

21 WHEREAS, From his college days in Austin until the end of his
22 life, Mr. Neill was a dedicated member of the Democratic Party,
23 helping to run campaigns, advising candidates and elected
24 officials, and fund-raising; he was twice a delegate to the

1 Democratic National Convention as well as a member of the State
2 Democratic Executive Committee and a co-chair of the state party;
3 in 2002, he helped bring the state convention to El Paso; and

4 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Neill shared 46 years of
5 marriage with his wife, Rosemary, and he once turned down a ride on
6 Air Force One with President Jimmy Carter to take his children,
7 Margaret and Alex, trick-or-treating; through the years, he took
8 great pride in his children's successes, and he later found immense
9 joy in spending time with his granddaughters, Olivia and Evelyn;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Admired for his compassion, integrity, and good
12 humor, Bob Neill lived a life rich in personal and professional
13 achievements, and he leaves behind a record of service that will
14 continue to inspire all who had the good fortune to know him; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
18 of Robert G. Neill Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his
19 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

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