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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life lived with purpose and zest drew to a close
2 with the passing of Dr. Karl B. Putnam of El Paso on July 12, 2017,
3 at the age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Durham, North Carolina, on December 19,
5 1947, Karl Putnam grew up in Victoria and Orange; after earning his
6 bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting from The University
7 of Texas at Austin, he began his academic career in 1974 as a
8 lecturer at California Polytechnic State University; he went on to
9 do doctoral work in accounting at Oklahoma State University, and in
10 1979, shortly before receiving his Ph.D., he joined the faculty at
11 Texas A&M University as an assistant professor; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1986, Dr. Putnam accepted a position as an
13 associate professor in the Department of Accounting and Information
14 Systems at The University of Texas at El Paso, where he taught
15 courses in financial, managerial, and governmental/not-for-profit
16 accounting to both undergraduate and graduate students; committed
17 to advancing his field, he was the author or coauthor of more than
18 50 articles published in scholarly and professional journals and
19 held membership in the American Accounting Association and the
20 Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants; and

21 WHEREAS, Deeply concerned for the environment, Dr. Putnam
22 vigorously supported clean air and anti-pollution initiatives; he
23 also shared his passion for the natural world by leading treks with
24 the El Paso Hiking Group, and he delighted in introducing

1 first-time hikers to the splendors of the Franklin Mountains; his
2 extended family held a central place in his life, and he doted on
3 his numerous nieces and nephews; numbered among his eclectic range
4 of enthusiasms were drones, blueberries, and intense games of
5 Scrabble; and

6 WHEREAS, A fiercely independent thinker with a strong moral
7 compass, Karl Putnam dedicated himself to making the world a better
8 place, and he will forever be remembered with warm affection by all
9 who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
12 Dr. Karl B. Putnam and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of
13 his family: to his partner of 20 years, Noel Rosenbaum; to his
14 sisters, Peggy and Kay; to his brothers, Martin and Robert; and to
15 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Karl
19 Putnam.