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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life has drawn to a close with
2 the death of Dr. John Allen Ehrhardt of Dallas on February 1, 2017;
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4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston in 1931, Jack Ehrhardt attended
5 Highland Park High School, where he served as captain of the
6 football team, and Rice University before earning his medical
7 degree at The University of Texas Southwestern Medical School;
8 after interning at John Peter Smith Hospital in Fort Worth, he
9 joined the U.S. Air Force, rising to the rank of captain; following
10 his military service, he received further medical training at
11 Tulane University and Hermann Hospital in Houston; he maintained a
12 successful private practice in East Dallas for more than 30 years,
13 and he also taught at UT Southwestern Medical School, which named
14 him professor emeritus; held in high regard among his peers, he
15 served as president of the Dallas Academy of Ophthalmology; and

16 WHEREAS, Dr. Ehrhardt shared 62 years of matrimony with the
17 Honorable Harryette Bushong Ehrhardt, a former member of the Texas
18 House of Representatives who survives him; he took great pride in
19 his five children and his extended family, Ginger Twichell and Sam
20 Leake, Taffy and Scott Nelson, Lynn and Mike O'Neal, John and
21 Melissa Ehrhardt, Katy Henderson, and Mike Twichell, and in his
22 later life, he was further blessed with 13 grandchildren and 4
23 great-grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, Valuing ideals of diversity and inclusion,

1 Dr. Ehrhardt and his wife purchased and restored an old "hippie
2 commune" on Swiss Avenue in Dallas so that their children could
3 attend what was then the only naturally integrated high school in
4 the city; he also took special delight in Halloween, when he would
5 distribute candy to more than 3,000 children and voter registration
6 cards to their parents; and

7 WHEREAS, Dr. Ehrhardt was a lifelong Dallas Cowboys fan, and
8 the entire family attended games together; he was also a scuba
9 diver, an underwater photographer, and an inveterate traveler who
10 could lay claim to having visited every continent; among his prized
11 possessions was his collection of 400 owls, which were gifts from
12 grateful patients; and

13 WHEREAS, Jack Ehrhardt lived a life that was rich in both
14 accomplishments and lasting relationships, and his humanity, no
15 less than his achievements, will continue to inspire all those who
16 were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. John Allen
19 Ehrhardt and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many
20 friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. John
24 Allen Ehrhardt.