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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through personal and professional
2 achievements drew to a close with the passing of Francis Michael
3 Young of Waco on May 1, 2016, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to John and Anna Young on January 13, 1930, in
5 Tours, F. M. Young grew up in Speegleville, where he attended local
6 schools; skilled in both business and engineering, he went on to
7 become a titan in the construction industry, transforming his
8 company, Young Construction Co., into one of the top highway
9 contractors in Texas; moreover, he helped create cutting-edge
10 technology, including the first computerized concrete plant and
11 dump trucks with multiple axles, and he played a key role in
12 planning a 1,400-home country club subdivision in College Station
13 and in developing the popular Brazos Queen II paddleboat; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Young was active in a number of professional
15 organizations, serving as president of the Texas Highway, Heavy,
16 Utilities and Industrial Branch of the Associated General
17 Contractors of America and on the boards of the National Asphalt
18 Pavement, the Texas Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement, and the Texas Good
19 Roads Associations; and

20 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Mr. Young gave freely of
21 his time and talents to the Waco Boys Club, the Greater Waco Chamber
22 of Commerce, the Baylor/Waco Foundation, and the TSTI Development
23 Foundation; in addition, he lent crews and equipment to nonprofit
24 groups and made generous donations to Reicher Catholic High School

1 and St. Louis Catholic School, for which he received an Education
2 Service Award from the Diocese of Austin; his wide-ranging efforts
3 also earned him a place as a Business Legend in the Texas Business
4 Hall of Fame; and

5 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Young enjoyed the love and
6 support of his wife, the former Gloria Davis, and their four
7 children; with the passing years, he was further blessed with eight
8 grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, an engaged citizen, and an
10 admired business leader, F. M. Young leaves behind a record of
11 service that will long resonate in the Waco community and beyond;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Francis Michael Young
15 and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and,
16 be it further

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