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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 death of Browning Lamar Ball Jr. of Denton on March 26, 2017, at the  
3 age of 76; and

4           WHEREAS, Lamar Ball was born in Troy, Tennessee, on August 1,  
5 1940, to Browning and Mozelle Ball, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of a sister, Kerry; after graduating from high school  
7 in 1958, he earned a bachelor's degree in economics from the  
8 University of Tennessee, Knoxville, in 1962; he later attended the  
9 Harvard Business School Program for Management; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1963, Mr. Ball embarked on a successful 35-year  
11 career in banking, accepting a position with C&S Bank in Atlanta,  
12 Georgia, where he was in charge of bookkeeping; he moved to Houston  
13 in 1979 to join the Bank of the Southwest, and in 1984, he became CEO  
14 of MBank Fort Worth; from 1989 until his retirement in 1998, he  
15 served as chair and CEO of First State Bank of Texas in Denton,  
16 which he has been credited with restoring to good financial health;  
17 and

18           WHEREAS, In his second career, Mr. Ball was chair of the board  
19 and CEO of Smart Start, an ignition interlock company in Irving, and  
20 at the end of his life, he was a director for Intelligent  
21 Fingerprinting, a company based in Cambridge, England; he also  
22 served as a director of the Bank Administration Institute, the  
23 University of North Texas Foundation, and the Flow Healthcare  
24 Foundation; in addition, he was vice chair and director of North

1 Texas Public Broadcasting and director and treasurer of the Fort  
2 Worth Fat Stock Show; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Ball was a devoted husband to his wife of 20  
4 years, Barbara, and he took great pride in his children, David,  
5 Shannon, Jason, Allison, and Meredith, his stepchildren, Angie and  
6 Jill, and his grandchildren, Nathan, Kaylan, Olan, Lulu, Alexandra,  
7 Olivia, Wyatt, Ian, Tommy, Lilah, and Charlie; and

8 WHEREAS, Although Lamar Ball will be deeply missed, he will  
9 forever be a source of inspiration to those he leaves behind; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Browning Lamar  
13 Ball Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many  
14 friends; and, be 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 Lamar Ball.