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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Bruce  
2 Livingston Collins Jr. of Corpus Christi, who died on May 3, 2017,  
3 at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Bruce Collins was born in Corpus Christi on  
5 September 3, 1929, to Bruce and Lucile Collins; after graduating  
6 from Corpus Christi High School in 1946, he attended New Mexico  
7 Military Institute and earned a degree from Southern Methodist  
8 University in 1950; answering his nation's call to duty, he served  
9 in the U.S. Air Force from 1952 to 1954, and he continued to serve in  
10 the Air Force Reserves until 1960; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1954, Mr. Collins married the former Mary Ellen  
12 "Elenita" Riddick, and they shared their lives for 63 years; he was  
13 the devoted father of three children, Catherine Collins, Bruce L.  
14 Collins III, and Claire Schwarz, and later welcomed into his family  
15 five grandchildren and two great-grandsons; and

16 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan took justifiable pride in the  
17 houses he built, including one in Corpus Christi and three in the  
18 Hill Country, and in his active involvement in civic affairs; he was  
19 a keen sports fan, rooting for the SMU Mustangs, the Dallas Cowboys,  
20 and the San Antonio Spurs; above all else, he delighted in the time  
21 he spent sharing meals and traveling with his family and friends;  
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Bruce Collins lived a full and generous life  
24 surrounded by those he loved, and he will forever hold a treasured

1 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bruce Livingston  
4 Collins Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many  
5 friends; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bruce  
9 Collins.