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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Robert G. Packard of Waco, an esteemed educator and
2 a central figure in his community, passed away on January 5, 2019,
3 at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Regina, New Mexico, on August 13, 1924,
5 Robert Packard graduated from Temple High School in 1943, and he
6 served with the U.S. Army Signal Corps during World War II;
7 following his military tenure, he earned bachelor of science,
8 master of arts, and doctoral degrees in physics from The University
9 of Texas at Austin, and in 1952, he was named an associate professor
10 of physics at Baylor University; he met his future wife, the former
11 Joyce Hornaday, on the Waco campus, and the couple, who married on
12 April 15, 1954, went on to share a rewarding union of 64 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Enjoying a distinguished career at Baylor spanning
14 nearly six decades, Dr. Packard received the highest honor granted
15 to the university's faculty members, a master teacher designation,
16 and his classroom in the Marrs McLean Science Building was renamed
17 the Robert G. Packard Lecture Hall; renowned for his popular
18 introductory physics course, this beloved professor returned in
19 2009 to teach the class for one semester after having retired in
20 2002; and

21 WHEREAS, Dr. Packard achieved professor emeritus of physics
22 status and was the recipient of the university's W. R. White
23 Meritorious, Collins Outstanding Professor, and Baylor Legacy
24 Mentor Awards, among others; he was also named an Outstanding

1 Educator of America, and the Robert G. and Joyce Hornaday Packard
2 Endowed Scholars Fund was established in honor of Dr. Packard and
3 his wife, a former assistant dean of women at Baylor; moreover, he
4 worked tirelessly in behalf of his fellow citizens, holding
5 numerous volunteer leadership roles; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert Packard earned the admiration of all who knew
7 him, inspiring generations of students with his creative teaching
8 methods, and he leaves behind a legacy that will resonate at Baylor
9 University and in the Waco community for years to come; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert G. Packard
13 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his
14 wife, Joyce Packard; to his brothers, Charles, Wayne, and
15 I. B. Packard; to his nieces and nephews; and to his other
16 relatives and friends; and, 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 Robert
20 Packard.