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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Leroy Nagel Jr. of Austin on July 23, 2018, at the age of  
3 80; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Leroy Nagel and Jessie Lemburg, "Ted"  
5 Nagel was born on April 20, 1938, in Houston, and growing up, he  
6 enjoyed the companionship of his twin brother, William, and his  
7 sister, Betty; after graduating from Lamar High School, he studied  
8 at The University of Texas at Austin and Sam Houston State  
9 University and earned his degree from the University of Houston; he  
10 served as a supply sergeant for six years in the United States Army  
11 Reserve and was honorably discharged on December 31, 1966; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Nagel joined the family business, Gibraltar  
13 Fence Co., as vice president of operations in August 1960; he went  
14 on to sell his interest in the company and acquired interest in  
15 Nagel Manufacturing and Supply, which made wire and wood hangers  
16 for various industries; he was instrumental in establishing Nagel  
17 Wire Corporation in 1972, and he retired as president and chair of  
18 the board in 2002; active in his industry, he was a lifetime member  
19 of the Wire Association International and the Texas Laundry and Dry  
20 Cleaning Association; and

21 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Nagel married Harriet  
22 Olsen, a fellow UT student, on November 5, 1960; they were the  
23 loving parents of four children, Fred, Jennifer, Laurie, and  
24 Elizabeth, and he later experienced the joy of welcoming into his

1 family eight grandchildren, Emma, Colin, Justin, Katie, Matthew,  
2 Connor, Olsen, and Jessie; after his first wife's passing in 1995,  
3 he was fortunate enough to find love again with the former Jan Carol  
4 Lentz, whom he wed on May 25, 2002; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Nagel was a founding member of the UMLAUF  
6 Sculpture Garden & Museum, a founding director of the Austin  
7 Endowment Society, and a member of the German-Texan Heritage  
8 Society, the Texas State Historical Association, and the Texas Map  
9 Society; he also benefited numerous other organizations through his  
10 involvement, and he notably served for 43 years on the board of  
11 directors of Rodeo Austin; a proud fifth-generation Texan, he had a  
12 great passion for history and also enjoyed geography, hunting,  
13 golf, skiing, gardening, ranching, traveling, and watching  
14 football; and

15 WHEREAS, Ted Nagel left a lasting imprint on the world  
16 through his personal and professional achievements, and he will  
17 forever be a source of inspiration to those who held him dear; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Leroy "Ted" Nagel Jr.  
21 and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and his many friends;  
22 and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ted Nagel  
26 Jr.