H.R. No. 33

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the passing of John Gordon Wilkerson Jr. of Lubbock on August 28, 2021, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong Lubbock resident, John Wilkerson was born on December 18, 1934, to John Gordon Wilkerson and Cleo Hankins Wilkerson Bullard, and he grew up with two siblings, Howard and Mary; he graduated from Lubbock High School in 1953 and from Baylor University in 1957; dedicated to his alma mater, he went on to serve for 18 years on the Baylor Board of Regents, including as chair, and he presided over the Hankamer School of Business alumni board of directors; he also chaired the Baylor Development Council; and

WHEREAS, In 1956, Mr. Wilkerson assumed leadership of the Wilkerson Cold Storage Co., and he remained at its helm as chairman until his death; under his able leadership, Wilkerson Storage Co. and Wilkerson Properties served an array of commercial and industrial logistics and real estate customers; Mr. Wilkerson belonged to the board of directors of the International Association of Refrigerated Warehouses, and he was instrumental in the growth of the Lubbock community, chairing the Board of City Development, the Lubbock Central Appraisal District, and the Civil Service Commission; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Wilkerson enjoyed the love and support of his wife of 63 years, Ruth, and he took great pride in his four children, Gordon, David, Sarah, and Ray, who preceded his father in death; with the passing years, Mr. Wilkerson welcomed eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren into his family; a man of deep faith, he served in numerous capacities at First Baptist Church; he was a champion of the downtrodden and readily shared his resources with those in need; and

WHEREAS, John Wilkerson possessed a generosity of spirit that expressed itself in myriad ways, and he enriched the lives of countless people with his compassion, integrity, and strength of character; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Gordon Wilkerson Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Ruth Wilkerson; to his children, Gordon Wilkerson and his wife, Lori, David Wilkerson and his wife, Kim, and Sarah Scott and her husband, Richard; to his grandchildren, Will, Rachel, Ellen, and Caroline Wilkerson and Warner, Ethan, and Julia Scott; to his great-grandchildren, Calvin Harrison and Charlotte Wilkerson; to his sister, Mary Grady; to his sister-in-law, Glenda Wilkerson; and to all others who mourn his passing; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Wilkerson.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 33 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on October 14, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House