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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories of Ray Pace of McKinney, who passed away on March 23, 2021, at the age of 79; and

WHEREAS, The son of Julian and Ruby Pace, Ray Pace was born on September 17, 1941, in Abilene, and grew up with a brother, Julian; after graduating from Waco High School in 1959, he attended Texas Tech University and later received a bachelor's degree in business, economics, and finance from Baylor University; and

WHEREAS, In 1962, Mr. Pace married the love of his life, the former Sondra Kay Nelson, and they shared nearly six decades together; he took great pride in his daughters, Karen and Keli, and with the passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include four grandchildren, Wyatt, Ty, Karis, and Kyle; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pace worked for Blue Cross Blue Shield of Texas for 13 years before founding The Pace Group, a health care consulting firm; a valued member of his community, he served on the boards of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes, Camp Fire, Marketplace Ministries, and several area banks; to honor his wife's volunteerism, he established the Sondra Nelson Pace Foundation, which has supported several youth and Christian organizations; and

WHEREAS, Admired for his kindness and generosity, Ray Pace lived a caring and purposeful life dedicated to his faith, his family, and his friends, and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ray Pace and extend sincere condolences to all 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 Ray Pace.