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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Nacogdoches lost an admired civic
2 leader with the passing of Bill Truman Teague on December 25, 2020,
3 at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Carl and Gladys Teague, Bill Teague was
5 born in Freer on October 24, 1937, and grew up in Abilene; he earned
6 his bachelor's degree in medical technology from Hardin-Simmons
7 University, and after serving as a second lieutenant in the U.S.
8 Army, he graduated from the blood bank specialty program at The
9 University of Texas Medical Branch at Galveston; and

10 WHEREAS, Early in his career, Mr. Teague worked at Ortho
11 Clinical Diagnostics in New Jersey with the team that developed
12 RhoGAM, the vaccine to protect the unborn babies of Rh-negative
13 mothers; he went on to serve as CEO of blood banks in Florida and
14 Austin, and in 1975, he was appointed as founding CEO of Gulf Coast
15 Regional Blood Center in Houston; admired in his field, he served as
16 president of the American Association of Blood Banks and treasurer
17 of the American Blood Commission, and he was involved in policy and
18 accreditation; he received numerous awards through the years, and
19 in 2006, he was named president emeritus of Gulf Coast Regional
20 Blood Center; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Teague was a member of the Harris County
22 Sports & Convention Corporation board and a lifetime vice president
23 of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo; in addition, he was
24 president of the Rotary Club of Houston, and after moving to

1 Nacogdoches in retirement, he continued his noteworthy efforts as a
2 Rotarian; he was also interim president and CEO of the Nacogdoches
3 County Chamber of Commerce, and he was active in the Nacogdoches
4 Booster Club, the SFASU Foundation board, and First United
5 Methodist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Teague shared a rewarding
7 relationship of nearly 38 years with his wife, Lynn, and he took
8 great pride in his sons, Tim and Jim, and his grandsons, Wade and
9 James; an avid outdoorsman, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, and
10 competing with his Labrador retrievers, including his beloved
11 Cinder; he served as president of both the Master National
12 Retriever Club and its MNRC Foundation; and

13 WHEREAS, Although Bill Teague is deeply missed, his life
14 stands as an inspiring example of the good that one person can
15 accomplish; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bill Truman Teague
18 and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and,
19 be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill Truman
23 Teague.