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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of admired physician William Varner of
2 The Woodlands on April 17, 2021, at the age of 59, has brought a
3 great loss to his family, his friends, and the Houston medical
4 community; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio on February 5, 1962, Bill Varner
6 was the only child of William and Joan Varner; he graduated from The
7 University of Texas at San Antonio and The University of Texas
8 Medical Branch at Galveston; after completing his internship and
9 anesthesiology residency at Michael Reese Hospital in Chicago,
10 Illinois, he was named one of two recipients of a Cardiovascular
11 Anesthesiology Fellowship at the Texas Heart Institute under
12 renowned heart surgeon Dr. Denton Cooley; he later earned an MBA;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Dr. Varner joined US Anesthesia Partners in 1993 and
15 became a shareholder, and he served on the board and the executive
16 committee; in 1997, he became a valued member of the staff of
17 Memorial Hermann Medical Center in The Woodlands, and over the
18 years, he served as anesthesiology chair, as president of the
19 medical staff, and as a member of the board; he was appointed
20 director of the hospital's Surgery Center in 2005, and he further
21 served on the Clinical Government Board for USAP oversight for
22 outpatient surgery centers; dedicated to helping others, he gave
23 generously of his time and resources in behalf of poor communities
24 in Guatemala through the nonprofit group Faith in Practice; and

1 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, Dr. Varner shared a fulfilling
2 relationship of 32 years with his wife, Terri; they enjoyed
3 traveling together and visited all seven continents; in addition,
4 his numerous adventures included climbing Grand Teton Mountain,
5 completing a marathon in Greece, participating in three Bike MS
6 charity rides between Houston and Austin, and skydiving; he was
7 also an avid car collector and loved spending time in the Cayman
8 Islands; and

9 WHEREAS, Bill Varner made a lasting, positive difference in
10 countless lives through his skill as a physician and his leadership
11 in the medical community, and although he is deeply missed by his
12 family and friends, they will forever remember his steadfast
13 integrity, quick wit, and profound compassion; now, therefore, be
14 it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. William Varner
17 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be
18 it further

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