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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ray Pace and extend  
3 sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

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