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S.C.R. No. 39

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The untimely death of noted attorney and admired
3 civic leader Clyde Moody Siebman on March 4, 2021, at the age of 62,
4 brought a great loss to his family, his friends, and the legal
5 community in Texas and beyond; and

6 WHEREAS, Born in Sherman on November 26, 1958, to Newell and
7 Carol Siebman, Clyde Siebman grew up in Pottsboro and Plano with the
8 companionship of his beloved sister, Annette, and numerous dear
9 cousins; he received a dual bachelor's degree in business
10 administration and psychology at Southern Methodist University,
11 and while completing his juris doctor degree at SMU Dedman School of
12 Law, he met his future wife, Carol Ann Mumm; they became the proud
13 parents of a daughter, Elizabeth, and they were eventually blessed
14 with a granddaughter, Kendall; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Siebman began his career as a law clerk for U.S.
16 District Judge Paul Brown, inaugural judge of the Eastern District
17 of Texas; in 1991, he became a founding partner of Siebman, Forrest,
18 Burg, & Smith, known as Siebman & Siebman during the years he
19 practiced with his wife, before she joined the judiciary; today,
20 the firm has offices in Sherman and four other cities, and the legal
21 team includes his daughter, Elizabeth Siebman Forrest, a named
22 partner, and his niece, Becca Skupin, an associate; and

23 WHEREAS, A national expert in intellectual property law,
24 Mr. Siebman began handling such cases even before the Eastern

1 District became a preferred venue for patent litigation; he was
2 heavily involved in the New York Intellectual Property Law
3 Association, the Leahy Institute of Advanced Patent Studies, and
4 the Sedona Conference; moreover, he was frequently called upon to
5 moderate judicial panels and appear at legal conferences across the
6 country; he also visited Chinese universities with a delegation of
7 attorneys and judges and lectured on U.S. trial practices; among
8 myriad accolades, he was recognized by *The Best Lawyers in America*
9 as 2018 Dallas/Fort Worth Lawyer of the Year for Patent Litigation
10 and 2020 Dallas/Fort Worth Lawyer of the Year for Copyright
11 Litigation; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Siebman regularly represented clients in
13 complex commercial litigation in the Fifth U.S. Circuit Court of
14 Appeals, as well as other venues, and he served his profession in
15 numerous leadership roles; committed to innovation, he chaired the
16 advisory board of the Institute for Law and Technology and served as
17 an ex officio member of the board; he worked tirelessly in behalf of
18 his colleagues in East Texas, founding the district's bar
19 association and serving as its president; moreover, he was the
20 driving force behind the association's Bench-Bar Conference of the
21 Eastern District of Texas, one of the nation's foremost legal
22 programs, and served as chair for a quarter century; he made further
23 contributions as a member of several Eastern District committees
24 and the State Bar of Texas Board of Directors; and

25 WHEREAS, Highly engaged in civic life, Mr. Siebman served as
26 Republican Party chair in Grayson County and as a member of the
27 State Republican Executive Committee; he energetically supported

1 GOP candidates at all levels and was instrumental in the ascendance
2 of the Republican Party in the county and the state; nevertheless,
3 he was happy to reach across the aisle in the public interest, and
4 he received plaudits in the Eastern District for his work with a
5 prominent local Democrat to fill vacant federal judgeships; in
6 2000, he was a member of the Presidential Electoral College; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Siebman served on the Red River Boundary
8 Commission and played a key role in resolving a dispute between
9 Texas and Oklahoma dating back to the Louisiana Purchase; as
10 conservator of the Riverbend Water Resource District, he helped
11 settle a decades-long legal battle over water issues in East Texas
12 and Southwest Arkansas, and he was appointed in 2017 to the Red
13 River Interstate Compact Commission; he also served as chair of the
14 North Texas Regional Airport Board and of the Grayson County
15 Regional Mobility Authority; and

16 WHEREAS, Clyde Siebman made a tremendous positive impact
17 through his professional and civic contributions, earning the high
18 esteem of all who knew him, but he will be remembered equally for
19 his warmth, integrity, and kindness; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
21 hereby pay tribute to the life of Clyde Moody Siebman and extend
22 sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
26 Clyde Moody Siebman.