1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The untimely death of noted attorney and admired civic leader Clyde Moody Siebman on March 4, 2021, at the age of 62, 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 Carol Siebman, Clyde Siebman grew up in Pottsboro and Plano with the 7 8 companionship of his beloved sister, Annette, and numerous dear cousins; he received a dual bachelor's degree in business 9 10 administration and psychology at Southern Methodist University, and while completing his juris doctor degree at SMU Dedman School of 11 12 Law, he met his future wife, Carol Ann Mumm; they became the proud parents of a daughter, Elizabeth, and they were eventually blessed 13

with a granddaughter, Kendall; and 14 15 WHEREAS, Mr. Siebman began his career as a law clerk for U.S. District Judge Paul Brown, inaugural judge of the Eastern District 16 17 of Texas; in 1991, he became a founding partner of Siebman, Forrest, Burg, & Smith, known as Siebman & Siebman during the years he 18 practiced with his wife, before she joined the judiciary; today, 19 the firm has offices in Sherman and four other cities, and the legal 20 team includes his daughter, Elizabeth Siebman Forrest, a named 21 partner, and his niece, Becca Skupin, an associate; and 22

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

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

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

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.

President of the Senate	Speaker of the House
I hereby certify that S.C.R.	No. 39 was adopted by the Senate
on April 6, 2021, by a rising vote.	
	Secretary of the Senate
I hereby certify that S.C.R.	No. 39 was adopted by the House
on April 23, 2021, by a rising vote.	
	Chief Clerk of the House
Approved:	
Date	
Governor	