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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of William Eugene Cole Jr. of Atlanta, who passed away on
3 May 11, 2025, at the age of 96; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of William Eugene Cole and Fannie Mae Cole
5 Phillips, Bill Cole was born on October 15, 1928, in Miami, Florida,
6 and he grew up with the companionship of five siblings, Norman,
7 Margie, Leon, Troy, and Shirley; and

8 WHEREAS, On December 16, 1950, Mr. Cole married the former
9 Alverta Knocke, and the couple was blessed with three children,
10 Judy, Randy, and Larry; after that marriage ended, he was fortunate
11 enough to find love again with his second wife, Joyce; with the
12 passing years, he saw his treasured family grow to include five
13 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career in the oil and gas
15 industry, Mr. Cole worked for Shell Oil Company, Aramco, and
16 Halliburton; he also was a cattle rancher for many years, and he
17 coached Little League baseball; in his leisure time, he took
18 pleasure in attending Atlanta Rabbits football games and playing
19 cards and dominoes; a man of faith, he was a member of First Baptist
20 Church Atlanta; and

21 WHEREAS, Bill Cole enjoyed a life that was rich in the
22 intangibles that matter most, and he is deeply missed by all those
23 who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st

1 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of William Eugene
2 Cole Jr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
3 family: to his wife, Joyce; to his children, Judy Cole Cook and her
4 husband, John, and Randy Cole; to his grandchildren, Stephanie Cole
5 Rink, Lance Cole, Cody Cole, Katie Kotzur, and Stephanie Cook
6 Perry; to his great-grandchildren, Harper Rink, Jaywan Cole, and
7 Jonah Kotzur; to his siblings, Leon, Troy, and Shirley Phillips;
8 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
11 day, it do so in memory of Bill Cole.