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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of Richard J. Vane were
2 deeply saddened by his passing on June 30, 2025, at the age of 86;
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4 WHEREAS, Born in Detroit, Michigan, on May 7, 1939, Dick Vane
5 demonstrated artistic ability in childhood and went on to earn a
6 bachelor's degree in architecture from the University of Michigan;
7 he began his career in Houston in 1961, and while serving as an
8 advisor to Loeb AZA, he met his future wife, Sue Rosenbloom; they
9 married in 1964 and became the proud parents of two children, Mark
10 and Jennifer; after launching his own practice specializing in
11 commercial projects, Mr. Vane cofounded Osborn & Vane Architects in
12 1979; the firm continues to thrive today; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Vane taught Sunday school at Temple Emanu El,
14 where he was also active in the Brotherhood; in retirement, he
15 volunteered with Jewish Family Service, paying visits to the
16 homebound; he and his wife were blessed with five grandchildren,
17 and they often traveled to Austin to visit them, sharing everything
18 from birthdays and extracurricular events to random weekends; an
19 early riser, he greeted his grandchildren as soon as they awoke,
20 ready to read books, watch their TV shows, and do art projects; for
21 many years, he wrote them weekly letters; the Vanes ultimately
22 moved to Austin in 2022 to be closer to their family; Mr. Vane was a
23 loyal fan of the University of Michigan Wolverines, and he loved
24 watching old movies and musicals, going to the theater, reading

1 history and other nonfiction, listening to jazz, and nurturing his
2 many houseplants; he was preceded in death by his mother, Sylvia
3 Polk Strauss, beloved stepfather, Simon Strauss, brother, Dean, and
4 stepbrother, Gary; and

5 WHEREAS, While the death of Dick Vane brings immeasurable
6 sorrow to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that
7 will long be cherished by all those who held him dear; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
10 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard J. Vane
11 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
12 wife, Sue Vane; to his children, Mark Vane and his wife, Sharyn, and
13 Jennifer Melrose and her husband, Evan; to his grandchildren, Eddie
14 and Sam Vane and Madison, Parker, and Noah Melrose; to his
15 stepsisters, Davida Bilgrad and Nadine Strauss; and to his many
16 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
19 day, it do so in memory of Dick Vane.