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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. Robert M. Stein, an esteemed political
2 scientist, civic leader, and Rice University educator, passed away
3 on July 18, 2025, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in New York City in 1950, Bob Stein earned a
5 bachelor's degree from Ohio Wesleyan University and master's and
6 doctoral degrees from the University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee; he
7 briefly taught at the University of Georgia before embarking on a
8 long and rewarding career with Rice University in 1979; and

9 WHEREAS, A political science professor at Rice, Dr. Stein
10 also served as dean of the School of Social Sciences, as chair of
11 the political science department, as codirector of the Center for
12 Voting at Rice, and as a fellow in urban politics at the Baker
13 Institute for Public Policy; he was a widely respected expert on
14 voting and elections, urban politics, public policy, emergency
15 preparedness, and severe weather mitigation, and he oversaw
16 student-driven, community-centered research that shaped hurricane
17 evacuation planning and public library strategy; in addition, he
18 played an instrumental role in establishing the Center for Civic
19 Leadership; and

20 WHEREAS, Dr. Stein earned top honors from the American
21 Political Science Association and *Political Research Quarterly*,
22 and he was recognized by Rice with the 2025 Y. Ping Sun Award for
23 Outstanding Community Engagement and the George R. Brown Award for
24 Superior Teaching; upon his retirement in June 2025, he was

1 designated as the Lena Gohlman Fox Emeritus Professor of Political
2 Science; and

3 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Dr. Stein enjoyed the love and
4 support of his wife, Marty, and he took great pride in their two
5 daughters, Nora and Annie, and their five grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Widely admired by his peers, Bob Stein made a
7 positive difference through his groundbreaking work, and he leaves
8 behind a record of his achievement that his loved ones can remember
9 with pride; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
11 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
12 of Dr. Robert M. Stein and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who
13 mourn his passing; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Stein.