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H.R. No. 90

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 House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
10 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
11 of Richard J. Vane and extend sincere condolences to the members of  
12 his family: to his wife, Sue Vane; to his children, Mark Vane and  
13 his wife, Sharyn, and Jennifer Melrose and her husband, Evan; to his  
14 grandchildren, Eddie and Sam Vane and Madison, Parker, and Noah  
15 Melrose; to his stepsisters, Davida Bilgrad and Nadine Strauss; and  
16 to his many 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 House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dick Vane.