

By: Cole

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed attorney and civic leader
2 drew to a close with the passing of Peter Winstead of Austin on
3 August 7, 2024, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Sam and Winifred Winstead, Pete Winstead
5 was born in Washington, D.C., on August 6, 1940, and he grew up in
6 Dallas with the companionship of two sisters, Connie and Betty; he
7 graduated from Highland Park High School in 1958, and he earned a
8 bachelor's degree from Stanford University before obtaining a juris
9 doctor degree from The University of Texas School of Law in 1965;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Winstead began his legal career in the
12 U.S. Department of Justice Tax Division in Washington, D.C., and he
13 gained formative experience by traveling to monitor key events in
14 the Civil Rights Movement, which helped shape many of his beliefs
15 and principles; in 1969, he returned to Dallas and accepted a
16 position at the law firm of Akin, Vial, Hamilton, Koch & Tubb, and
17 four years later, he cofounded the law firm of Winstead, McGuire &
18 Sechrest; the practice, which later took the name Winstead PC, grew
19 rapidly, and in 1987, he and his wife, Tomi, helped open an office
20 in Austin, where they relocated; and

21 WHEREAS, A skilled tax attorney, Mr. Winstead provided
22 numerous start-up companies with guidance on financial backing,
23 management procurement, and other legal issues, and one of his
24 proudest professional accomplishments was guiding the initial

1 public offering of the Dell Computer Corporation in 1988; under his
2 able leadership, Winstead PC continued to thrive, and the firm
3 celebrated its 50th anniversary in 2023; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Winstead further distinguished himself as chair
5 of the tax sections for the Dallas Bar Association and the State Bar
6 of Texas, and in 1997, he accepted an appointment from Governor
7 George W. Bush to serve as the inaugural chair of the Texas Turnpike
8 Authority; he also chaired the boards of numerous local
9 organizations and initiatives, including the \$50 million capital
10 campaign for the Dell Seton Medical Center at UT; among his many
11 honors, he was named Austinite of the Year by the Austin Chamber of
12 Commerce in 2004, and he received the Jurisprudence Award from the
13 Anti-Defamation League in 2011; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Winstead shared a fulfilling marriage
15 that spanned four and a half decades; Mr. Winstead was the proud
16 father of five children, Lynn Winstead, Sara Daun, John Winstead,
17 Alan Ceshker, and the late Joey Ceshker; over the years, his
18 treasured family grew to include 10 grandchildren, Talan, Joey,
19 Avery, and Jaden Ceshker, Lainie and Luke Mabe, Reid and Brady Daun,
20 Samuel Winstead, and the late Grayson Ceshker; and

21 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, his profession, and
22 his community, Pete Winstead made a meaningful difference in the
23 lives of his loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and he will
24 forever be a source of inspiration to those he leaves behind; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Peter Winstead and

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1 extend heartfelt condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Pete
6 Winstead.