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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Neil Stewart West of Tyler on May 1, 2025, at the age of  
3 79; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of James Clyde West and Edith Shearer West,  
5 Neil West was born in Denver, Colorado, on August 6, 1945, and he  
6 grew up in Magnolia, Arkansas, with the companionship of his older  
7 brother, Don; he graduated from high school in 1963, and he went on  
8 to earn a bachelor's degree in business administration from the  
9 University of Arkansas, where he was a member of the Air Force ROTC,  
10 and a master's degree in business administration from the  
11 University of Nebraska; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. West served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force  
13 at Offutt Air Force Base for four years; he eventually obtained his  
14 pilot's license and instrument rating and was a private pilot for  
15 more than four decades; after resigning his Air Force commission,  
16 he embarked on a 34-year career in banking in 1972, serving as a  
17 commercial lending officer and then vice president of Omaha  
18 National Bank, as a receiver for the Commonwealth Bank of Lincoln,  
19 Nebraska, and as the CEO and president of The Security National Bank  
20 and Trust Company of Norman in Oklahoma; he took on his final role  
21 as CEO and Regions Bank Texas Group president and moved to Tyler in  
22 1993; at the time of his retirement in 2006, he was group president  
23 of 81 locations across Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, An active member of his community, Mr. West gave

1 generously of his time and talents to numerous organizations  
2 through the years, including Big Brothers Big Sisters and the  
3 Rotary Club, and he also served as an adjunct professor at the  
4 University of Oklahoma and as a member of the Soules College of  
5 Business Advisory Board at UT Tyler; in his leisure time, he enjoyed  
6 traveling, boating, and fishing, as well as cheering on the Dallas  
7 Stars and playing softball, basketball, tennis, and golf; and

8 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. West benefited from the  
9 love and support of his wife, Joan, with whom he shared a rewarding  
10 marriage that spanned 45 years; he took great pride in his four  
11 children, Stacey West Brandt, Rebecca West, Stacey Henry West, and  
12 Paul West, and he had the pleasure of welcoming into his family  
13 seven grandchildren, Nicholas, Mitchell, Jacob, Vivian, Hayden,  
14 Ethan, and Benjamin; and

15 WHEREAS, Admired for his devotion to his family, his  
16 generosity of spirit, and his joyous zest for life, Neil West  
17 enriched the lives of all who knew him, and they will forever hold  
18 him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
20 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Neil Stewart West and extend  
21 heartfelt condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it  
22 further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
25 day, it do so in memory of Neil West.