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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Dr. John Richard Lucas of Longview, an esteemed
2 physician and a friend to many, passed away on April 4, 2025, at the
3 age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Helen Marjorie Waddell and Mack Lucas,
5 Richard Lucas was born in Midland on June 21, 1939, and grew up in
6 Longview with the companionship of a sister, Carolyn; he graduated
7 from North Texas State University and The University of Texas at
8 Galveston Medical School; following his internship at Methodist
9 Hospital of Dallas, he served as an officer in the U.S. Air Force
10 and then completed his residency at Parkland Hospital; and

11 WHEREAS, Dr. Lucas was a practicing ob-gyn in Longview for 35
12 years and delivered some 5,000 babies; unfailingly gentle, kind,
13 and patient, he was beloved by his colleagues and by his many
14 longtime patients; he served Good Shepherd Medical Center as
15 president of its medical staff, as chair of the
16 obstetrics-gynecology-pediatrics section, and as a trustee;
17 moreover, he benefited his profession as a member of the American
18 Council for Gynecological Endoscopy, and he was both a diplomat and
19 a fellow of the American Board of Obstetrics and Gynecology;
20 following his retirement in 2007, he continued to serve county
21 patients through Wellness Pointe Longview and Zeid Women's Health
22 Center; and

23 WHEREAS, Dr. Lucas married his high school sweetheart, the
24 former Sara Ann Skaggs, in 1969, and they were blessed with three

1 children, Tosch, Todd, and Susan Ann; despite his busy schedule, he
2 always made time for his family, which grew to include five
3 treasured grandchildren; after the death of his first wife in 2010,
4 Dr. Lucas was fortunate enough to find love again, and he wed Andee
5 Napolitano in 2013; the couple enjoyed traveling and spending time
6 with their large circle of friends and relatives; Dr. Lucas
7 attended weekly breakfasts with "the boys" and monthly lunches with
8 the RODEO group, more formally known as Retired Old Doctors Eating
9 Out; he was an elder for life of First Christian Church of Longview
10 and served the congregation in numerous capacities, among them
11 chair of the board; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the course of his long career in medicine,
13 Richard Lucas earned the respect and appreciation of innumerable
14 people, and he will be remembered with great affection by all who
15 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
17 hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. John Richard Lucas and extend
18 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Andee
19 Lucas; to his children, Tosch Lucas, Todd Lucas, and Susan Ann Lucas
20 Stroud and her husband, John; to his grandchildren, Tyler Anne
21 Bosher, Miles Lucas, and Sara Grace, Sophie Jane, and Lucas Stroud;
22 to his great-grandchildren, Hattie and Holland; and to his many
23 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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