RESOLUTION NO. #15-005

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF THE PASSING OF THE HONORABLE STATE REPRESENTATIVE RUBEN W. HOPE JR.

THE STATE OF TEXAS §

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY §

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District (LSGCD) honors and commemorates the life of The Honorable State Representative Ruben W. Hope, Jr., who passed away on July 3, 2015, at the age of 78; and

WHEREAS, Ruben W. Hope, Jr., was born on May 8, 1937, in Houston; he graduated from John H. Reagan High School where he played center on the football team and catcher for the softball team; his high school classmates voted him "Most Handsome" his senior year; he graduated from The University of Texas at Austin with a BA Degree in 1959, and then earned his law degree in 1963 from The University of Texas School of Law, where he was a member of Phi Delta Phi; and

WHEREAS, he married his wife, Francine, in 1959, two years after they first met on a blind date while in college; the couple raised three children, Ruben, Gregg and Alison, and were blessed with six grandchildren, Danielle, Ruben, Blythe, Stuart, Connor and Holden; and

WHEREAS, following law school, Ruben began his career with the Texas Water Commission in Austin, then served as prosecutor in the District Attorney's office for six years, followed by practicing civil trial law in Houston; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, he moved his family to Conroe, and opened Ruben Hope & Associates, practicing civil and insurance defense litigation, which was later changed to Hope and Causey, P.C.; he was Board Certified in Personal Injury Trial Law, a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and member of the National Board of Trial Advocacy and Defense Research Institute; he served as President of the Montgomery County Bar Association and was voted Attorney of the Year in 1991; and

WHEREAS, among numerous community contributions, Ruben served as a member of the Board of Trustees for the Conroe Independent School District, holding the position of Vice President; and

WHEREAS, he further served his community as State Representative from 1999-2006, where he served as a member and Majority Leader for the Texas House of Representatives, served on the Natural Resources Committee as Chair of Budget and Oversight, and also served on the Appropriations, Civil Practices and Select Committee on Public School Finance; and

WHEREAS, during this time in the state legislature, State Representative Hope was instrumental in the creation of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District, authoring and passing legislation intended to preserve and protect groundwater in Montgomery County.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Directors of the Lone Star Groundwater Conservation District gives its appreciation to the late State Representative Ruben W. Hope, Jr., and offers deepest condolences to his family in the event of his passing.

PASSED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2015.

LONE STAR GROUNDWATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

By: _____
Richard J. Tramm, President

ATTEST:

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Secretary