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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close
2 with the passing of Stephen C. Helbing Sr. on May 31, 2021, at the
3 age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Ruby Couch Helbing and Dr. Arlington
5 Helbing, Steve Helbing was born in Barnhart on February 12, 1927;
6 his parents moved to San Angelo to provide him with better
7 educational opportunity, and he spent happy boyhood summers on his
8 maternal grandfather's ranch near Ozona; during World War II, he
9 served in the U.S. Navy, and he went on to complete his bachelor's
10 degree in agricultural economics at Texas A&M University; he began
11 working for Hughes Tools in Jayton, and his long career in the oil
12 industry later took him to New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Colorado; an
13 admired entrepreneur, he served as president of the New Mexico Oil
14 and Gas Association and New Mexico Landmen's Association; he
15 continued the family ranching tradition and also bought a farm near
16 Mertzon; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Helbing served as a New Mexico state
18 representative and Republican Party leader; active in civic life in
19 Midland and Roswell, he was chair of the Roswell Salvation Army for
20 many years, and he was an elder in the Presbyterian Church; he
21 formed a host of lasting friendships along the way and acquired a
22 large store of Aggie jokes from his network; in all his endeavors,
23 he was supported by the love and encouragement of his wife of seven
24 decades, Ellen Saylor Helbing; he was the proud father of four

1 sons, Stephen, Scott, Ross, and Robert, who honored him on his 80th
2 birthday by endowing a scholarship in agricultural economics at his
3 alma mater; blessed with nine grandchildren, he was an adoring
4 "Pop-Pop"; in his final years, his greatest joy was sitting on the
5 porch of his farm with his wife and other family members, telling
6 stories and sharing laughter and life lessons; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Steve Helbing is deeply missed by those he
8 left behind, they will forever cherish their memories of his
9 wonderful sense of humor and steadfast devotion to his family, his
10 faith, and his country; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
13 Stephen C. Helbing Sr. and extend sincere condolences to his
14 relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Stephen C.
18 Helbing Sr.