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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Llano lost an admired civic leader and
2 cattleman with the passing of Kenneth Max Brandenberger on
3 September 3, 2021, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Nila Lee Bode and Dayton Charles
5 Brandenberger, Kenneth Brandenberger was born in Mason on September
6 5, 1941; he grew up ranching in Mason, Llano, and San Saba Counties
7 alongside his three brothers, Donald, Bruce, and Tommy; after
8 graduating from Texas Tech University, he married the love of his
9 life, the former Patricia Mitchell, and they were blessed with
10 three daughters, Carol, Caryn, and Connie; their treasured family
11 eventually grew to include six grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, Early in their marriage, the Brandenbergers worked
13 for Miller's Viewlawn Angus in Mabel, Minnesota; they returned to
14 Llano County in 1969 and Mr. Brandenberger became herdsman at the
15 renowned Granite Hills Hereford Ranch and then managing partner of
16 the J. D. and Joyce Jordan Hereford Ranch in Mason; later, he was
17 territory sales manager for the Moorman Manufacturing Company; he
18 then earned his real estate license, and during a 30-year career
19 with Frosty Miller Ranch Realty, he sold properties while happily
20 sharing the history and lore of his beloved Hill Country; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Brandenberger continued to enjoy showing and
22 judging purebred cattle, and over the years, he developed breeding
23 stock from his brother and raised calves in partnership with a
24 cousin; in addition, he and his wife farmed on the South Plains; he

1 benefited the cattle industry as a director of the Texas Hereford
2 Association and president of the Hill Country Livestock Raisers
3 Association, among other leadership roles; a longtime supporter of
4 4-H, he was named the state's Distinguished 4-H Leader in 1983; he
5 contributed to his community in numerous capacities, including
6 president of the board of the Llano Independent School District and
7 general manager of the Llano County Rodeo; during nearly three
8 decades on the Llano County Soil and Water Conservation District
9 board, he served several times as director and president, and he was
10 on the state stewardship committee; he was a member of the
11 administrative board of Lutie Watkins Memorial United Methodist
12 Church as well; and

13 WHEREAS, Although Kenneth Brandenberger is deeply missed, he
14 leaves behind a legacy of service that his loved ones can remember
15 with pride; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
17 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
18 Kenneth Max Brandenberger and extend sincere sympathy to all who
19 mourn his passing; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kenneth
23 Brandenberger.