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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Larry Charles Wingert, former
2 publisher of the *Monitor* newspaper of McAllen, on January 16, 2021,
3 at the age of 83, has brought a profound loss to his loved ones and
4 to the community that he generously served; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Waterloo, Iowa, in 1937, Larry Wingert was
6 the son of Tom and Thelma Wingert and grew up with a brother,
7 Darryl; he moved with his family to McAllen in his youth, and after
8 graduating from McAllen High School, he attended Pan American
9 College and Sul Ross State University; he first began his career in
10 the newspaper industry as a paperboy in 1953, and as he learned the
11 business over four decades, he found employment with the *Monitor*,
12 the *Valley Morning Star*, and the *Brownsville Herald*, as well as with
13 publications in Pampa and Odessa and cities in Ohio and New Mexico;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Wingert worked throughout Texas, including
16 several years in the Rio Grande Valley, and he served as publisher
17 of McAllen's the *Monitor* from 1977 to 1994; he was beloved by his
18 employees, whom he always treated with the utmost respect and
19 appreciation, and his calm, friendly management style helped the
20 staff navigate the many changes that occurred at the paper during
21 his 17-year tenure; under his leadership, the publication enjoyed
22 one of the most successful eras of its history; Mr. Wingert
23 believed in the value of print news not only as a vital source of
24 information, but also as a force for good in the community, and he

1 was known to donate ad space to charities and to utilize the paper
2 in other ways to promote harmony and unity among neighbors; and

3 WHEREAS, A dedicated volunteer and a supporter of numerous
4 local organizations and causes, Mr. Wingert was involved with the
5 McAllen Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees, the Elks, Easter Seals,
6 the Rotary Club, and both the Boy and Girl Scouts; moreover, he was
7 a devout Catholic who attended mass daily, and he also found time to
8 visit hospice patients and to deliver meals to homebound seniors;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Wingert shared nearly 65 years of marriage with
11 the love of his life, Margaret; he was the devoted father of three
12 children, Stephan, Ashley, and Stephanie, and he was proud to see
13 his son follow in his footsteps to become the *Monitor's* current
14 publisher; his cherished family further included three
15 grandchildren, Kathryn, Jackson, and Amber; and

16 WHEREAS, Larry Wingert will be remembered with great
17 admiration for his professional achievements and for the myriad
18 ways he gave of himself to benefit others, and he will be deeply
19 missed by all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Larry Charles Wingert
22 and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and friends; and, be it
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Larry
27 Charles Wingert.