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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Duane
2 Francis Snell of Lamesa, who died on March 13, 2021, at the age of
3 73; and

4 WHEREAS, Duane Snell was born in Lamesa, Texas on July 15,
5 1947, to F.E. "Bud" and Phyllis Snell, and he grew up with one
6 sister, Jolene; he shared a rewarding marriage of 51 years with his
7 wife, Vicki Smith Snell, and he was the proud father of two
8 children, Traci and Bradley; later in life, he had the pleasure of
9 welcoming into his family two grandsons, Deakin and Dalton, as well
10 as a great-granddaughter Harper; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Snell was for many of his early years a cotton
12 farmer in the small community of Klondike in Patricia, Texas
13 spending his days cultivating the fertile land of West Texas; and
14 later he was a respected member of the Lamesa business community as
15 a crop insurance agent with Matlock & Associates, and as a real
16 estate broker for 25 years to his firm, Duane Snell Real Estate; Mr.
17 Snell and his wife, Vicki, were known to give generously of their
18 time and financial support to many worthy causes such the local
19 school district and several civic organizations; and

20 WHEREAS, Duane was active over the years with his weekly golf
21 group at Lamesa Country Club where loud laughter, bad jokes, and
22 golf stories were frequently shared after the day's round; and Mr.
23 Snell was also known to be an accomplished manufacturer of cigar box
24 guitars, as well as a bassist in an outlaw bluegrass and country

1 garage band playing local events and fairs; and

2 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a hardworking professional,
3 Duane Snell lived a rich and purposeful life, and those he leaves
4 behind will forever cherish their memories of this kind, humorous,
5 and caring man; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Duane Snell and
8 extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
9 Vicki Snell; to his mother, Phyllis Snell; to his sister, Jolene
10 Haney; to his children, Traci Stokes and her husband, Brad Stokes,
11 and Bradley Snell; to his grandsons, Deakin Stokes and his wife,
12 Sara, and Dalton Stokes; to his great-granddaughter, Harper Jane
13 Stokes; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Duane
17 Francis Snell.