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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Billy Howard Sherrill of Nacogdoches on July 16, 2023, at
3 the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 4, 1932, in Batesville, Arkansas, to
5 Thomas Howard and Grace Martelia Aldridge Sherrill, Bill Sherrill
6 grew up with the companionship of a sister, Margaret; he attended
7 Harding Academy in Searcy, Arkansas, through high school, and he
8 went on to earn a degree in physical education from Harding College;
9 over the course of a varied career, he taught school, coached, ran a
10 mail route, and served as a pilot for a number of physicians in the
11 Fort Smith, Arkansas, area; he also received a master's degree in
12 counseling from Stephen F. Austin State University on his way to
13 becoming a licensed professional counselor; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Sherrill's strong faith led him to pursue his
15 calling as an ordained minister for the Church of Christ; he began
16 preaching full time in Alma and Fort Smith, Arkansas, before
17 serving as the pulpit minister for the North Street Church of Christ
18 in Nacogdoches from 1965 to 1998 and subsequently as the church's
19 family minister until the time of his passing; he was deeply
20 committed to his congregation, and he set an inspiring example for
21 others through his compassionate words and deeds; and

22 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Sherrill enjoyed the
23 support of the love of his life, Mary "Scotty" Sherrill, with whom
24 he shared an extraordinary 70 years of marriage; the couple were

1 blessed with 4 children, Terri, Mark, Kathy, and Hattie, as well as
2 13 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; he relished such
3 activities as flying, sailing, motorcycling, go-cart racing, and
4 being out in nature, and he was known as an excellent storyteller
5 through writing, song, and the spoken word; and

6 WHEREAS, Bill Sherrill was beloved for his warmth and
7 kindness, his unwavering faith, and his spirit of adventure, and he
8 will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of those he leaves
9 behind; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
11 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
12 Billy Howard Sherrill and extend sincere sympathy to his family and
13 many 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 Bill
17 Sherrill.