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H.R. No. 52

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Warren Thomas Stokes of Ozona on September 1, 2023, at  
3 the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of W. T. "Dub" and Madeline Hughes Stokes,  
5 Tommy Stokes was born in Odessa on May 8, 1942; he was a member of  
6 the Class of 1960 at Ozona High School, and he graduated from Texas  
7 Tech University with an accounting degree; while at Texas Tech, he  
8 met his future wife, the former JoNel Epperson; the couple  
9 exchanged wedding vows, going on to share a rewarding marriage that  
10 spanned six decades; together, they raised three sons, Ken, John,  
11 and Andy, and with the passing years, their treasured family grew to  
12 include eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren;  
13 Mr. Stokes was a friend to many, and he especially enjoyed going  
14 fishing with his loved ones; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Stokes served as the Crockett County tax  
16 assessor-collector for many years; a man of diverse talents who had  
17 learned the skill of cable tool drilling from his father, he also  
18 made a name for himself as a water well driller; working alongside  
19 his wife, he further distinguished himself in his agricultural  
20 career; in 2016, Mr. and Mrs. Stokes were honored as the Edwards  
21 County Conservation Ranchers of the Year; and

22 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family and his community,  
23 Tommy Stokes earned the lasting respect and admiration of all who  
24 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory  
3 of Warren Thomas Stokes and extend sincere condolences to the  
4 members of his family: to his wife, JoNel Stokes; to his brother,  
5 Sandy Stokes, and his wife, Vicki; to his sons, Ken Stokes and his  
6 wife, Gay, John Tom Stokes and his wife, Codie, and Andy Stokes and  
7 his wife, Rebecca; to his grandchildren, Justin Maldonado and his  
8 wife, Cristi, James Stokes and his wife, Emily, Cheyene Bownds and  
9 her husband, Chandler, Sol Stokes and his wife, Linda, Payton Bayer  
10 and his wife, Shelby, Sierra Rowland and her husband, Gus, and Kali  
11 and Greer Stokes; to his great-grandchildren, Ellum Maldonado,  
12 Darcie Stokes, Cash and Channing Bownds, Whitley Bayer, and Walker  
13 Rowland; 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 Tommy  
17 Stokes.