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H.R. No. 58

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Lubbock lost an esteemed community
2 leader with the passing of Delbert McDougal on November 10, 2023, at
3 the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Delbert McDougal was born on January 29, 1937, in
5 Smyer to Chester and Alda McDougal; he learned the importance of
6 hard work at an early age, spending his youth chopping weeds in a
7 cotton patch for 45 cents an hour, and in 1955, he graduated from
8 Smyer High School; on April 2, 1961, he wed the love of his life,
9 Carolyn Ratliff, and the couple shared a rewarding marriage that
10 spanned more than six decades; and

11 WHEREAS, After taking college business courses and working
12 for General Electric, this esteemed Texan enjoyed a successful
13 career in home building, property development, construction, and
14 real estate; active in his community, he was a member of dozens of
15 boards, including the Electric Utility Board of Lubbock Power &
16 Light, Market Lubbock, University Medical Center, Lubbock Reese
17 Redevelopment Authority, West Texas Home Builders Association,
18 Wayland Baptist University, and the Lubbock Apartment Association,
19 among others; and

20 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family, Mr. McDougal took
21 great pride in his sons, Marc and Mike, and with the passing years,
22 his treasured family grew to include his four grandchildren, Tara,
23 Tyler, Hudson, and Harrison, and four great-grandchildren, Tye,
24 Miles, Clara Kate, and Lottie; in his leisure time, he took pleasure

1 in spending time at the lake with family, and he traveled to each of
2 the seven continents during his lifetime; he was also an avid fan of
3 the New York Yankees and attended nine World Series games, which
4 included taking four generations of McDougals to the Fall Classic;
5 a man of deep faith, he was a member of First Baptist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, While the death of Delbert McDougal brings great
7 sadness to his loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy that will long
8 be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
11 Delbert McDougal and extend sincere condolences to the members of
12 his family: to his wife, Carolyn McDougal; to his sons, Marc
13 McDougal and his wife, Pam, and Mike McDougal and his wife, Melissa;
14 to his grandchildren, Tara Lashford and her husband, Patrick, Tyler
15 McDougal and his wife, Audra, Hudson McDougal, and Harrison
16 McDougal; to his great-grandchildren, Tye, Miles, Clara Kate, and
17 Lottie; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Delbert
21 McDougal.