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S.R. No. 51

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Dr. C. Garth Cline of Panola on
3 August 13, 2023, at the age of 97; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Harry and Era Cline, Garth Cline was born
5 in Center on December 24, 1925; he graduated from Louisiana State
6 University and went on to obtain a doctor of veterinary medicine
7 degree from Auburn University; answering his nation's call to duty,
8 he served in the U.S. Army Air Corps; and

9 WHEREAS, Dr. Cline practiced veterinary medicine in
10 Shreveport, Louisiana, for many years and concluded his six-decade
11 working career with the Louisiana State Racing Commission at
12 Louisiana Downs; following his retirement, he eventually returned
13 to Texas; he was an active member of Robert A. Tompkins Masonic
14 Lodge No. 1254 in Waskom, where he served several terms as
15 Worshipful Master, and he was a longtime Worshipful Patron for the
16 local chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star; he was also involved
17 in Marshall Masonic Lodge No. 22 AF & AM; among his many
18 achievements, he received the 32nd degree in both York and Scottish
19 Rites; in addition, he was designated a Shriner with the Sharon
20 temple in Tyler, and he served as district deputy Grand Master of
21 the Grand Lodge of Texas District 10 for two years; and

22 WHEREAS, A man of faith, Dr. Cline was a devoted member of
23 Emmanuel Baptist Church, where he attended Sunday school; during
24 his retirement years, he enjoyed working on his farm and spending

1 time with his loved ones; he was also an avid supporter of the
2 Jacket Nation sports teams of the Elysian Fields Independent School
3 District; and

4 WHEREAS, Garth Cline lived a caring and purposeful life
5 centered around his family and his community, and he will long be
6 remembered with deep affection by all who knew him; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 4th
9 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. C. Garth
10 Cline and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to
11 his children, Chuck Cline and his wife, Debra, and Georgia Pounders
12 and her husband, Mike; to his grandchildren, Gary Cline and his
13 wife, Liz, Brittany Childs and her husband, Matt, Leslie Thurman
14 and her husband, Brandon, and Ashley Pounders; to his
15 great-grandchildren; to his "adopted" son, Randy "RT" Mitchell and
16 his wife, Melissa; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,
17 be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
20 day, it do so in memory of Dr. C. Garth Cline.