

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived remain to comfort the
2 family and friends of Neal Gay, who passed away on August 11, 2022,
3 at the age of 96; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 25, 1926, in Dallas, Neal Gay was the
5 son of Elsie Mae and Malond Gay; he joined the U.S. Coast Guard when
6 he was 17, and shortly thereafter, he was transferred to the
7 U.S. Navy; he served in World War II for about a year until he was
8 injured while shipboard; after returning home, he entered his first
9 rodeo in Atoka, Oklahoma, in 1945, and he became an early member of
10 the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association; he went on to
11 distinguish himself as a talented steer wrestler and saddle bronc,
12 bareback, and bull rider; in his early years, he supported his rodeo
13 endeavors by selling used cars and real estate; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Gay embarked on a long and successful career as
15 a rodeo producer in May 1958, when he opened the Mesquite
16 Championship Rodeo; he served as its founder and producer for 51
17 years, and he and his family also went on to manage many other North
18 Texas rodeos throughout the 1970s and 1980s; furthermore, he was
19 the contract producer of the Fort Worth Stock Show and Rodeo for
20 over four decades; in recognition of his many accomplishments, he
21 was inducted into the Bull Riding Hall of Fame, the Texas Trail of
22 Fame, the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame, the Texas Cowboy Hall of
23 Fame, and the ProRodeo Hall of Fame; and

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Gay enjoyed the love and

1 support of his treasured family, including his wife, Kay, his sons,
2 Pete, Donnie, and Jim, and his granddaughters, Talli, Megan, and
3 Summer; he was known for his integrity, his keen business sense, and
4 his strong faith, as well as his love for his ranch and his
5 livestock; and

6 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a true Texas cowboy, Neal
7 Gay leaves behind a legacy that will long resonate in the Lone Star
8 State and beyond; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Neal Gay and extend
11 deepest condolences to all those who mourn his passing; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Neal Gay.

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H.R. No. 231

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 231 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 8, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House