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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 Samuel Loyd Neal Jr. of Corpus Christi
3 on July 30, 2022, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Paris, Texas, Loyd Neal was born on
5 June 22, 1937; he married his high school sweetheart, Thetis, in
6 1959, and the couple shared a rewarding union that spanned 63 years;
7 he took great pride in his two children, Ann and Samuel, and his
8 seven grandchildren, Kendall, Leyton, Logan, Krista, Samuel,
9 Sterling, and Savannah, and two great-grandchildren, Penelope and
10 Dorothy Neal; a man of faith, he was a congregant of St. John's
11 United Methodist Church and later First United Methodist Church;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Neal was a member of the Corps of Cadets at Texas
14 A&M University, where he received a bachelor's degree in 1959, and
15 he later earned a master's degree from Texas A&I University; a
16 graduate of the U.S. Army War College and the Command and General
17 Staff College, he served in the army for more than three decades
18 before retiring at the rank of colonel in 1989; he was eventually
19 inducted into the Texas A&M Corps of Cadets Hall of Honor and named
20 a distinguished alumnus by Texas A&M; and

21 WHEREAS, In civilian life, Mr. Neal enjoyed a long and
22 successful career in insurance in Corpus Christi; he worked for
23 Aetna before joining W. L. Dinn and Company, where he rose to become
24 president, and he subsequently became president of Hilb, Rogal &

1 Hobbs Corpus Christi and executive vice president of HRH Texas; he
2 retired in 1997; and

3 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his fellow citizens, Mr. Neal
4 served for four terms as mayor of Corpus Christi and was elected to
5 three terms as a county judge; along the way, he was appointed by
6 Governor George W. Bush to the Texas Strategic Military Planning
7 Commission and by Governor Rick Perry to the Texas Military
8 Preparedness Commission; in addition, he gave generously of his
9 time and talents to a host of organizations, including the Texas
10 Municipal League, the Corpus Christi Rotary Club, the South Texas
11 Military Facilities Task Force, the Corpus Christi Regional
12 Economic Development Corporation, the United Corpus Christi
13 Chamber of Commerce, the Art Museum of South Texas, and the
14 Driscoll's Children's Hospital; and

15 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, a respected community leader,
16 and a proud veteran and Aggie, Loyd Neal lived a full and generous
17 life, and his contributions will long be remembered; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Samuel Loyd
21 Neal Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many
22 friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Loyd Neal.