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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of Carl Roderick Osborne, who passed away on October 10, 2022, at  
4 the age of 86; and

5           WHEREAS, The son of Tim and Christine Osborne, Roddy Osborne  
6 was born in Terrell on December 6, 1935, and grew up in Gainesville;  
7 he attended Texas A&M University on a football scholarship, leading  
8 the Aggies to the 1956 Southwest Conference championship and  
9 earning All-SWC honors that season; in 1958, he was selected by the  
10 Cleveland Browns in the National Football League Draft, and he was  
11 later inducted into the Texas A&M Athletic Hall of Fame; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Osborne served for several years in the U.S. Air  
13 Force, rising to the rank of captain before his honorable  
14 discharge; he subsequently coached football at Abilene Christian  
15 University and Harding University in Arkansas, where he received a  
16 master's degree in psychology; he also studied child psychology as  
17 a Ph.D. student at Florida State University; and

18           WHEREAS, Returning to Gainesville in the 1970s, Mr. Osborne  
19 joined his father in the family's residential and commercial real  
20 estate business; in 1980, he traveled with Federal Housing  
21 Administration representatives to the Middle East to meet with  
22 Egyptian president Anwar Sadat and other government officials about  
23 the development of low-cost housing; and

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

1 and support of his wife of 25 years, the former Janis Land; he took  
2 great pride in his 3 children, Kerry, Kevin, and Kathy, and his 11  
3 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, A humble man of faith, Roddy Osborne will be deeply  
5 missed, and those who held him dear will forever remember the warmth  
6 and kindness he brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature  
8 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Carl Roderick Osborne and extend  
9 heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Janis  
10 Osborne; to his children, Kerry Osborne and his wife, Veronica,  
11 Kevin Osborne and his wife, Stacy, and Kathy Hiser and her husband,  
12 Tim; to his sister, Karen Otts; to the mother of his children, Mary  
13 Lou Leftwich; to his grandchildren, Jordan, Jacob, Lindsey, Noah,  
14 Chandler, Logan, Madison, Will, Jesse, Cole, and Clay; to his  
15 great-grandchildren, Griffin, Olivia, Liam, Brayden, Grace, and  
16 Emma; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it  
17 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 Roddy Osborne.