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S.R. No. 61

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life has drawn to a close with
2 the passing of Ellis Lloyd Olmstead of Sherman on September 2, 2022,
3 at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Erling and Edna Olmstead, Ellis Olmstead
5 was born in Galveston on April 3, 1935, and he grew up with a sister,
6 Erlyn; after graduating from Ball High School in 1953, he attended
7 The University of Texas, where, at 6'10" tall, he was a valued
8 member of the Longhorns basketball team, playing throughout all
9 four years of college; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1957, Mr. Olmstead earned his bachelor's degree
11 from UT and married the former Patti Le Chapman, and the couple went
12 on to share 65 years together; after living briefly in Dallas, they
13 settled in Sherman, where Mr. Olmstead went to work for his
14 father-in-law at Chapman, Inc., a wholesale gasoline
15 distributorship; over the course of a career that spanned six
16 decades, he served as president of the Texas Oil Marketers and the
17 National Oil Jobbers Council; and

18 WHEREAS, A leader in his community, Mr. Olmstead served as
19 president of the Sherman Chamber of Commerce and as chair of the
20 Grayson County Airport Board, and he sat on the boards of Austin
21 College and Wilson N. Jones Hospital; he was named Sherman
22 Outstanding Citizen in 1988, and in 2008, he received the Emmett
23 Essin Community Service Award; an avid pilot for more than 40 years,
24 he also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and ranching; moreover, he was an

1 elder at Central Christian Church; and

2 WHEREAS, Although Ellis Olmstead will be deeply missed, this
3 beloved man has left his family and friends with many cherished
4 memories, and he will forever hold a special place in their hearts;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature
7 hereby pay tribute to the life of Ellis Lloyd Olmstead and extend
8 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Patti
9 Olmstead; to his children, Kay Ellen Kirby and her husband, Kevin,
10 Lee Olmstead and his wife, Julie, and Andy Olmstead and his wife,
11 Stacey; to his grandchildren, Emily and Lauren Kirby, Michal
12 Overturf, and Clayton, Claire, and Brett Olmstead; to his
13 great-granddaughter, Margot Overturf; and to his many other
14 relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
17 day, it do so in memory of Ellis Lloyd Olmstead.