

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Texas Ernest Schramm, Jr., on July
2 15, 2003, at the age of 83, has brought a great loss to his family
3 and friends, as well as to fans of professional football across the
4 state and nation; and

5 WHEREAS, Born June 2, 1920, in Los Angeles, he attended
6 Pasadena Junior College and The University of Texas at Austin, but
7 temporarily set aside his higher education to serve in the U.S. Air
8 Force before returning to the Forty Acres to attain a degree in
9 journalism; and

10 WHEREAS, He began his enduring association with the NFL in
11 1947 working in public relations for the Los Angeles Rams and before
12 his departure 10 years later had risen to the position of general
13 manager; and

14 WHEREAS, Hired by CBS sports in 1957, this visionary
15 gentleman made broadcast history by proposing and producing the
16 first televised Winter Olympics games in Squaw Valley, California;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Returning to the NFL as president and general
19 manager of the fledgling Dallas Cowboys, he worked closely with
20 Coach Tom Landry and owner Clint Murchison to create one of the most
21 successful franchises in the history of professional sports; after
22 struggling through its first few seasons, "America's Team" went on
23 to post an NFL record 20 consecutive winning campaigns, including
24 13 division titles, 18 playoff appearances, and five Super Bowls,

1 two of which were Cowboy victories; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Schramm pioneered countless innovations in the
3 game he so dearly loved, including instant replay, the wild-card
4 playoff concept, and wireless microphones for game officials, and
5 he was also instrumental in the 1966 NFL/AFL merger that created the
6 Super Bowl; and

7 WHEREAS, In recognition of his vast contributions to the NFL,
8 Mr. Schramm was inducted into the Pro Football Hall of Fame in July
9 1991, and his name will take its rightful place in the Dallas
10 Cowboys' Ring of Honor during the 2003 season; and

11 WHEREAS, A true giant in his profession, Mr. Schramm's impact
12 on the sport of professional football will be felt for decades to
13 come, and it is indeed appropriate that the members of this body
14 honor the accomplishments of this remarkable man; now, therefore,
15 be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
17 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
18 life of Texas Ernest Schramm, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to
19 his two daughters, Christi Wilkinson and Kandy Court, to his other
20 relatives and friends, and to the countless admirers of this sports
21 legend; and, be it further

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

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Craddick	Geren	Mercer
Allen	Giddings	Merritt
Alonzo	Goodman	Miller
Bailey	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Baxter	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Berman	Grusendorf	Morrison
Bohac	Guillen	Mowery
Bonnen	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Branch	Haggerty	Nixon
Brown of Kaufman	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Brazos	Hamric	Oliveira
Burnam	Hardcastle	Olivo
Callegari	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Campbell	Hartnett	Pena
Canales	Heflin	Phillips
Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
Casteel	Hilderbran	Pitts
Castro	Hill	Puente
Chavez	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chisum	Hodge	Raymond
Christian	Homer	Reyna
Coleman	Hope	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
Crownover	Hupp	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Bexar	Solis
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
Denny	Keel	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Swinford
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Talton
Dukes	King	Taylor
Dunnam	Kolkhorst	Telford
Dutton	Krusee	Thompson
Edwards	Kuempel	Truitt
Eiland	Laney	Turner
Eissler	Laubenberg	Uresti
Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
Gallego	McClendon	Wong
Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler

H.R. No. 102

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 102 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on July 18, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House