

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Columbus community lost a distinguished citizen
2 and cherished friend on June 30, 2003, when Maynard Livingston
3 "Tex" Rogers passed away at the age of 60; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 7, 1942, in Houston, Mr. Rogers
5 graduated from Calhoun County High School, where he was named to the
6 National Honor Society and selected as all-district tackle in 1959;
7 he attended Texas A&M University on an athletic scholarship and
8 played football for the Aggies from 1960-1962 before transferring
9 to Texas Tech University in Lubbock; and

10 WHEREAS, On November 22, 1963, Mr. Rogers married the love of
11 his life, the former Sally Shepard, and their special union was
12 blessed with two sons; they also proudly watched their extended
13 family grow to include three grandsons; and

14 WHEREAS, A 40-year veteran of the newspaper business, Mr.
15 Rogers began his career in journalism in high school with the *Port*
16 *Lavaca Wave*, and during college, he was employed by the *Avalanche*
17 *Journal* in Lubbock; working over the next four decades as a
18 reporter, editor, and publisher, he garnered valuable experience at
19 the *Quarter Horse Journal* in Amarillo, the *Houston Post*, the *Texas*
20 *Horseman* in Houston, the *Victoria Advocate*, the *Jackson County*
21 *Herald-Tribune* in Edna, and the *Shiner Gazette*; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers moved to Columbus with his wife in 1992,
23 to manage *The Colorado County Citizen*, and on February 17, 1993, he
24 joined a group of local citizens and the Citizen Publishing

1 Company, Inc., to purchase the paper; as publisher and editor, Mr.
2 Rogers reorganized *The Citizen* and made the paper into an
3 award-winning publication; and

4 WHEREAS, After retiring in September 1998, he continued to be
5 involved in the media as a sportswriter for *The Citizen*, as a
6 contributor to the KULM Radio news department, and as a publicist
7 for the Columbus Convention and Visitors Bureau; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout his career, this esteemed journalist
9 remained active in numerous professional organizations; he served
10 the South Texas Press Association as director, contest chairman,
11 second vice president, first vice president, and president; he also
12 was a Texas Press Association director and belonged to the Texas
13 Gulf Coast Press Association and the National Newspaper
14 Association; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Rogers earned many awards over the years,
16 including the United Press International Spot Sports Award and two
17 consecutive National Newspaper Awards; most recently, his sports
18 reporting for *The Citizen* helped the paper to win first place in
19 sports coverage in the Texas Press Association 2003 Better
20 Newspaper Contest; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to being a respected and accomplished
22 newspaperman, Mr. Rogers was a beloved citizen who readily
23 volunteered for community service; he worked for the Nesbitt
24 Memorial Library Advisory Board, the Live Oak Festival Committee,
25 and the Terquasquicentennial Committee; furthermore, he supported
26 the 4-H club and taught Level 1 Basic Archery through the National
27 Archery Association of the United States; and

1 WHEREAS, A big fan of music, especially Texas music, he
2 organized and promoted the annual Shelly Lee Alley Tribute in
3 Columbus; also an avid genealogist, Mr. Rogers belonged to the
4 Lindsay-Crawford Clan, and he established the *Southwest Texas Scots*
5 in 1999, a publication that serves Texans seeking to trace their
6 Scottish roots; and

7 WHEREAS, The loss of Tex Rogers has deeply saddened his many
8 friends and family members, but his spirit will continue to live in
9 their hearts and through the lasting positive influence he had on
10 the community; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, pay special tribute to the life of
13 M. L. "Tex" Rogers and extend deepest sympathies to the members of
14 his family: to his wife, Sally; to his sons, David Nicholas Rogers,
15 and his wife, Tamara, and Travis Livingston Rogers; to his three
16 grandsons, Nathaniel Rogers, Lindsay Rogers, and Rowan Rogers; and
17 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Maynard
21 Livingston "Tex" Rogers.

Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 148

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 148 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on July 28, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House