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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 sports writer for *The Citizen*, 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.