

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Billy Frank Blaylock of  
2 Eldorado on November 17, 2003, at the age of 78, has deeply saddened  
3 this beloved man's family and host of friends; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Eldorado on March 2, 1925, Mr. Blaylock  
5 graduated from Robert Lee High School and attended Tarleton State  
6 University for one year before joining the United States Marine  
7 Corps; he served proudly with the Fifth Marine Division during  
8 World War II and sustained severe injuries in the battle of Iwo  
9 Jima; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Blaylock married the love of his life, the  
11 former Mabel Jay, on June 10, 1944, and with her he enjoyed a close  
12 and rewarding marriage that was made even richer with the arrival of  
13 four children, 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

14           WHEREAS, A man of many talents and interests, Mr. Blaylock  
15 owned a leather shop and worked with Foxworth Galbraith Lumber  
16 Company and Eldorado Woolen Mill in his earlier years; he later  
17 joined the United States Postal Service and spent 33 years as a  
18 rural mail carrier; additionally, Mr. Blaylock was a longtime  
19 farmer and rancher; and

20           WHEREAS, This fine gentleman served as a deacon with the  
21 First Baptist Church and as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America;  
22 in his leisure time, he took pleasure in gardening, working  
23 leather, and making jerky, and he especially enjoyed sharing  
24 stories and laughter with his wide circle of loved ones; and

1           WHEREAS, Billy Frank Blaylock was truly a blessing in the  
2 lives of countless people, and he will long be remembered for his  
3 generous spirit and his deep devotion to family and community; now,  
4 therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
7 Billy Frank Blaylock and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
8 his family: to his wife, Mabel Jay Blaylock; to his children and  
9 their spouses, Frankie Hardy, Steve and Mary Ann Blaylock, Billie  
10 Gayl and Cliff Boren, and Eva Jo and Steve Sessom; to his  
11 grandchildren, Katie, Donnie, Lindy, Jamie, Jay, Jeff, Betsy,  
12 M'Lissa, Jeremy, Micah, Staci, Benny, and Stormi; to his  
13 great-grandchildren, Payton and Logan; to his sisters, Jerry  
14 Blaylock and Ebba Nikolauk; and to all who mourn the passing of this  
15 cherished man; and, be it further

16           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Billy Frank  
19 Blaylock.

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H.R. No. 22

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 22 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2004.

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Chief Clerk of the House