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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Sam Phillips Braswell on February 8,  
2 2004, at the age of 93, has deeply saddened his family and many  
3 friends in the Kerrville community; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on March 17, 1910, in Dallas, he moved with his  
5 family during World War I to Clarendon, where his father was a  
6 newspaper publisher for many years; he was an alumnus of Clarendon  
7 Junior College and The University of Texas, where he played tennis  
8 and baseball, including an unforgettable scrimmage against Babe  
9 Ruth and the New York Yankees; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Braswell married Cecelia Atteberry on August 10,  
11 1930, and the couple enjoyed a rewarding marriage that brought them  
12 great joy over the course of their remarkable 73 years together; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1936, Mr. Braswell joined the *Kerrville Mountain*  
14 *Sun* newspaper and later operated the *Winnsboro Weekly News* with his  
15 wife; in 1944, the couple bought the *Coleman Democratic-Voice*  
16 newspaper, and returning to the Hill Country in 1948, they became  
17 co-owners of the publication known today as the *Kerrville Daily*  
18 *Times*; during the late 1950s, Mr. Braswell served as associate  
19 manager of the *Victoria Advocate*, the state's second oldest  
20 newspaper, and his wife was employed in the newspaper's advertising  
21 department; in 1960, Mr. and Mrs. Braswell purchased a Kerrville  
22 printing company, which is known today as ADCO Advertising and  
23 Printing and is operated by the couple's son and daughter-in-law;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, For a 12-year span beginning in 1977, Mr. Braswell  
2 held the post of public relations representative for Charles  
3 Schreiner Bank in Kerrville while his wife worked in the  
4 advertising department and assisted with the Schreiner Ladies Club;  
5 and

6           WHEREAS, This highly regarded gentleman was called on to  
7 share his expertise with policy makers at the statewide level when  
8 he was appointed by Governor Allan Shivers to help form the Texas  
9 Commission on Higher Education, and he also served as an associate  
10 of former state representative and Texas railroad commissioner Jim  
11 Nugent and was a Kerr County consultant and friend of President  
12 Lyndon Baines Johnson; and

13           WHEREAS, Blessed with a cherished family and a host of  
14 friends, Sam Braswell distinguished himself throughout his  
15 lifetime, and he will long be fondly remembered by all those who  
16 were fortunate to have known him; now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
18 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life and  
19 accomplishments of Sam Phillips Braswell and extend deepest  
20 sympathy to his family: to his wife of 73 years, Cecelia Braswell;  
21 to his son and daughter-in-law, Sam Harben and Betty Jean Braswell;  
22 to his grandchildren, Samuel Lynn Braswell, Carol Denise Bernhard,  
23 and Robin Aileen Perrin; to his great-grandchildren, Samuel Taylor  
24 Braswell, Andrew Phillip Braswell, Megan Leigh Bernhard, Ryan David  
25 Perrin, Ashton Elise Perrin, and Emma Renee Perrin; and to his other  
26 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

27           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sam  
3 Phillips Braswell.