

By: Chisum

H.C.R. No. 12

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Robert O. "Bob" Schnell of Borger was an outstanding
2 Texan whose passing on June 29, 2002, at the age of 77, brought
3 great sorrow to his family, friends, and community; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 10, 1924, Mr. Schnell graduated from
5 high school in Spearman, Texas; he served his country with honor
6 during World War II as a member of the U.S. Army Air Corps stationed
7 in England; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Schnell returned to Spearman in 1946 and joined
9 his father in the electrical contracting business before accepting
10 a position with the First State Bank of Spearman; after attending
11 the Southwestern Graduate School of Banking at Southern Methodist
12 University, he moved to Borger and worked for the First National
13 Bank until he retired as vice president; and

14 WHEREAS, Long active in his community, Mr. Schnell devoted
15 much of his time and energy to the Boy Scouts of America, FFA, 4-H,
16 and the Salvation Army; his many civic contributions also included
17 working with the regional planning board, airport board, county
18 extension service, Veterans Land Board, and chamber of commerce;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, Deeply loyal to the Freemasons, Mr. Schnell was
21 raised October 25, 1948, in Hansford Lodge No. 1040 in Spearman;
22 over the years he distinguished himself in a number of capacities,
23 including Worshipful Master, Grand Junior Warden, and District
24 Deputy Grand Master; as Grand Master of Texas Masons in 1993, he

1 displayed exemplary leadership and contributed significantly to
2 the success of the endowed membership program and many other
3 projects; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Schnell attended the First Christian Church of
5 Borger, where he served as a trustee and taught Sunday school; when
6 not working in behalf of his community, he enjoyed flying, golfing,
7 hunting, and fishing; and

8 WHEREAS, A talented man with a generous heart, Mr. Schnell
9 was a successful businessman, able church and community leader, and
10 faithful Mason; he enriched the lives of countless individuals, and
11 his spirit will continue to live in the hearts of the many people
12 whose lives he so deeply touched; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
14 hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert O. "Bob" Schnell and extend
15 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Lucille
16 Schnell; to his sons and daughters-in-law, Clay and Pam Schnell and
17 Michael and Patti Schnell; to his stepchildren and their spouses,
18 John and Susan Witt, Tom Witt, Randy Witt, Cari Witt, and Lori Witt
19 Tucker and her husband, Tim; to his grandchildren, Rob Schnell,
20 Tyler Schnell, Ryan Schnell, Paige Tucker, Pierce Tucker, Hannah
21 Witt, Holli Witt, and Devin Witt; to his brothers and
22 sisters-in-law, Louis and Barbara Schnell and Aaron Lloyd and
23 Danny Jean Schnell; to his sisters and brothers-in-law, Arlene and
24 Burl Bohannon, Betty and Kenneth Parker, and Kayleen and Howard
25 Carter; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
26 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 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
3 Robert O. Schnell.