

By: Campbell

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Kenneth R. Epley of San
2 Angelo sustained a great loss with the passing of this beloved
3 gentleman on November 14, 2002; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 16, 1934, in Erwin, Tennessee, Mr.
5 Epley attended the University of Miami and received an engineering
6 degree from East Tennessee State University; he served his country
7 with valor as a pilot in the United States Air Force from 1951 to
8 1955; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Epley moved to San Angelo in the early 1960s and
10 began a successful career manufacturing drilling equipment; he
11 owned Oil Well Machine and Tool Co., Inc., held a partnership in
12 Drill Rite Tools until 1973, and later worked with the Reed Tool
13 Co., Murphy Industries, and Bakerdrill, Inc.; after obtaining the
14 licenses to manufacture Bakerdrill products in 1979, he founded
15 Epley Enterprises, which continues today under the able direction
16 of his son Mike; and

17 WHEREAS, Numerous community organizations in San Angelo
18 benefited from Mr. Epley's staunch support; he was a great friend of
19 the Concho Valley Boy Scouts of America, which he served in many
20 leadership capacities and which conferred on him the Silver Beaver
21 Award; Mr. Epley also worked with the Crockett Parent Teacher
22 Association and sat on the board of the Children's Emergency
23 Shelter; and

24 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his faith and to Glen Meadows

1 Baptist Church, Mr. Epley served his fellow parishioners as a
2 trustee and treasurer and also oversaw the sound system; in
3 addition, he chaired the board of the San Angelo Museum of Fine Arts
4 and the San Angelo Lake Board, as well as serving on the board of the
5 First Savings and Loan Association; in 1985, Governor Mark White
6 appointed him to the State Purchasing and General Services
7 Commission; and

8 WHEREAS, Ken Epley was devoted to his close-knit family,
9 which included his wife of 23 years, Virginia, and his children,
10 Mike and the late John Mark; and

11 WHEREAS, A kind and generous man who gladly put his great
12 knowledge and experience at the disposal of others, Mr. Epley also
13 cheered the hearts of many with his ready humor and thoughtful
14 encouragement, and he will be forever cherished by those who were
15 blessed to share his love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Kenneth R.
18 Epley and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
19 his wife, Virginia Shotts Epley; to his son and daughter-in-law,
20 Mike and Gina Epley; to his grandchildren, Sara Mackenzie, Michael
21 Caleb, and Shelby Grace Epley; to his sisters and brothers-in-law,
22 Ruby and Walter Williams and Belva and Raymond Garland; to his
23 brother and sister-in-law, John M. and Ann Epley; to his former
24 wife, Peggy Epley; and to his many other relatives and friends; and,
25 be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House

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1 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kenneth
2 R. Epley.