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H.C.R. No. 28

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may  
2 temper the profound sadness the passing of Hicks Graves has brought  
3 to all who loved this distinguished Texan; a lifelong resident of  
4 Petty, Mr. Graves died on July 10, 2005, at the age of 92; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on September 12, 1912, he graduated from Paris  
6 High School and Paris Junior College, where he won numerous medals  
7 in track and field, and he married Mary Elba McDowell on December  
8 15, 1935; and

9           WHEREAS, That same year, Mr. Graves began a career in farming  
10 and ranching in the Petty area, and he held a great passion for the  
11 land and his hometown throughout his life; an active member of the  
12 Texas Short Horn Cattle Association, he was named a Conservation  
13 Farmer of the Year and Farm Family Producer of the Year; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Graves also made many significant contributions  
15 during his years of service as president of the West Lamar School  
16 Board; moreover, he was a founding member of the Honey Grove Lions  
17 Club; and

18           WHEREAS, The loved ones of Hicks Graves will fondly remember  
19 him as a devoted family man and friend, and he leaves behind a  
20 legacy to treasure for those who held him dear; now, therefore, be  
21 it

22           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,  
23 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Hicks Graves  
24 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his

1 wife of nearly 70 years, Mary Elba McDowell; to his daughter,  
2 Margaret Ann Shelton and her husband, A. W.; to his grandchildren,  
3 Greg Shelton and Kevin Shelton and his wife, Cathy; and to his other  
4 relatives and friends; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
8 Hicks Graves.