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H.C.R. No. 46

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends of Phillip Zachary "Foots"
2 Rutherford of Roxton were deeply saddened by his death on April 30,
3 2006, at the age of 97; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 4, 1908, in Petty, Mr. Rutherford
5 attended public schools in Petty; at the age of 13, he bought and
6 overhauled a 1912 two-cylinder Maxwell and launched a lifelong
7 career as an auto mechanic; he worked as a mechanic for Lamar County
8 Precinct No. 2 for 14 years before going into business for himself
9 in Petty and then running the Roxton Garage from 1957 to 1982; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Rutherford was the oldest member of the Roxton
11 Methodist Church and the great-grandson of Lamar County's first
12 elected judge, John A. Rutherford; he was a raconteur, known far and
13 wide for his tales of the Great Depression, his youthful
14 shenanigans, and colorful friends; and

15 WHEREAS, With the death of this notable Texan, the Roxton
16 community has lost a link to its past, but memories of many happy
17 times and spirited stories will live on in the hearts of all who
18 loved him; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,
20 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Phillip
21 Zachary "Foots" Rutherford and extend sincere sympathy to the
22 members of his family: to his son, Phillip R. Rutherford and his
23 wife, Lou Carolyn; to his grandsons, Phillip Terrell Rutherford and
24 Kristopher Paul Rutherford and his wife, Karen; to his three

1 great-grandchildren, Kristianna, Klay, and Kolton; to his sister,
2 Mary Helen Shelton; to his brother, Jack Rutherford; and to his many
3 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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