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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Dallas businessman Don Huffer Snell
2 on February 26, 2005, at the age of 86, has left a void in the lives
3 of his family and many friends; and

4 WHEREAS, A former fighter pilot and World War II veteran, Mr.
5 Snell was an astute businessman whose far-sighted decisions played
6 a major role in changing automobile retailing in Dallas; in 1962, as
7 general manager of Steakley Chevrolet, he did something unheard of
8 by relocating the dealership from its downtown site to the city's
9 outskirts, where today's booming suburbs and many major car
10 dealerships are now located; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Snell realized a professional dream in 1973 when
12 he bought a dealership and renamed it Don Snell Buick; he later
13 acquired a Land Rover franchise with his business partner and son,
14 Jim, and that purchase has evolved to now include dealerships in
15 Dallas, Austin, and Frisco; and

16 WHEREAS, Although semiretired on paper, he loved his work and
17 continued to spend six days a week at his office at the family's
18 dealerships; and

19 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well-lived may
20 temper the profound sadness of the family and friends of Don Snell,
21 and he will be remembered with great affection and admiration for
22 many years to come; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life and accomplishments of

1 Don Huffer Snell and that deepest sympathy be extended to the
2 members of his family: to his wife of 60 years, Lillian Snell; to
3 his sons, Don, Jim, and Bill Snell; to his grandchildren; and to all
4 those who mourn the passing of this beloved gentleman; and, be it
5 further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Don Huffer
9 Snell.