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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lampasas community suffered a major loss with
2 the untimely passing of Fred E. Lowe on March 22, 2005, at the age of
3 52; and

4 WHEREAS, A third-generation newspaper executive, he was born
5 on April 26, 1952, in Temple, to Ward and Joyce Lowe, part owners
6 and publishers of the *Lampasas Dispatch* and the *Lampasas Record*,
7 which in 1984 merged to become the *Lampasas Dispatch Record*; and

8 WHEREAS, As an eight-year-old, Fred Lowe began working in the
9 mailroom of the family business, where by age 10, he had accumulated
10 skills in photography and working with hot type, and he later served
11 as a coeditor of his high school newspaper; and

12 WHEREAS, He graduated with honors from The University of
13 Texas at Arlington with a bachelor of business administration
14 degree, worked for the *Arlington Citizens-Journal* as a photographer
15 while an undergraduate, and spent high school and college summers
16 as a camp counselor and photographer; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Lowe's distinguished career as a newsman
18 included tenures as advertising manager and general manager for his
19 family's publications and publisher of the *Copperas Cove*
20 *Leader-Press*; he served as president of Hill Country Publishing
21 Company, Inc., which owned the *Lampasas Dispatch Record*, as
22 president of the Texas Press Association, and as Texas state
23 chairman of the National Newspaper Association; and

24 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, this proud father always had

1 time to watch his daughters at their track meets and basketball
2 games, and he enjoyed photography, tennis, and gardening, as well;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, His volunteerism benefited the Lampasas ISD Blue
5 Ribbon Task Force Committee, New Covenant Church, the Lampasas
6 Spring Ho Festival Committee, the Courtyard Square Association, and
7 the Lampasas County Development Foundation, among other
8 organizations; and

9 WHEREAS, Fred Lowe was a blessing in the lives of countless
10 people, and he will forever be remembered for his commitment to his
11 family and his community; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Fred E. Lowe and
14 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
15 Anne Lowe; to his daughters and their husbands, Clair and Alfred
16 Mayo and Abby and Spencer Smith; to his brother, Jim Lowe, and his
17 wife, Gail; to his parents-in-law, Ab and Esther Cooper; and to all
18 who mourn the passing of this beloved man; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do in memory of Fred E. Lowe.