By: Armbrister S.C.R. No. 3

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Port Lavaca in mourning the loss of King Fisher, who

4 died January 7, 2005, at the age of 88; and

5 WHEREAS, King Fisher owned and operated King Fisher Marine

Service, Incorporated, for 58 years; he was noted for his

generosity to his employees, the youth of Calhoun County, fire

departments, Emergency Medical Service units, churches, and Boy

Scout troops and for his unfailing support of the Gulf Intracoastal

10 Canal; and

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11 WHEREAS, Born on January 14, 1916, King was a lifelong

12 resident of Port Lavaca; he was the fourth son of Charles Everett

13 and Kittie Grace Moss Fisher, having been preceded in death by his

older brothers, Everett, Leonard Moss, and J.N. Fisher; he has also

been preceded in death by his beloved grandson Jason LaQuay; he

married Jewel Tanner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tanner of

Port Lavaca, on August 13, 1937; he remained happily married to

18 Jewel the rest of his life; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher started King Fisher Machine Works by

20 assembling a towboat with salvaged parts from junkyards and a used

21 engine; he and Jewel built King Fisher Marine Service,

22 Incorporated, into the largest dredging and marine construction

23 business in Texas; and

24 WHEREAS, Among King's many accomplishments was his

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- 1 development of the "walking spud" for dredges, which enabled a
- 2 dredge to operate in a more efficient manner by "walking" down a
- 3 channel; and
- WHEREAS, Under his leadership, his company dredged well over
- 5 a quarter of a billion cubic yards of material for the United States
- 6 Corps of Engineers and private industry, laid almost two million
- 7 feet of marine pipelines, and drove approximately 300,000 pilings;
- 8 and
- 9 WHEREAS, At his own expense, he restored 2,000 feet of beach
- 10 at Port O'Connor, thus demonstrating the beneficial use of dredged
- 11 material; as a result, the beach was named "King Fisher Beach" in
- 12 his honor; and
- WHEREAS, A highly respected community leader, King Fisher
- 14 helped the Texas Historical Commission raise cannons from La
- 15 Salle's vessel, Belle; he served as a director of the First National
- 16 Bank of Port Lavaca and of the Seaport Bank in Seadrift; he was
- 17 honored with numerous awards over his lifetime; and
- WHEREAS, King has been inducted into both the Pipeliners Hall
- 19 of Fame and the National Rivers Hall of Fame; he received the
- 20 National Achievement Award from the latter; in 2000, King was named
- 21 one of Calhoun County's 25 Most Influential People of the 20th
- 22 Century by the Port Lavaca/Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce; the
- chamber also gave King and Jewel the Man and Woman of the Year Award
- 24 in 2004; and
- WHEREAS, Famous for his tenacity, integrity, and
- 26 construction expertise, King Fisher was one of our most treasured
- 27 citizens, and his contributions to the economic development of our

- 1 state were invaluable; and
- 2 WHEREAS, King Fisher lived his life to the fullest and was a
- 3 devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind
- 4 memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many
- 5 friends; now, therefore, be it
- 6 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
- 7 hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of King
- 8 Fisher: his wife, Jewel Fisher; his daughters and sons-in-law, Ann
- 9 Fisher Boyd and Waymon Boyd and Linda Fisher LaQuay and Timothy
- 10 LaQuay; his grandchildren, Wayne Boyd, Randy Boyd, and Amy LaQuay;
- and his six great-grandchildren; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
- 13 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas
- 14 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do
- 15 so in memory of King Fisher.

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