By: Armbrister

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins the 3 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 6 Service, Incorporated, for 58 years; he was noted for his 7 generosity to his employees, the youth of Calhoun County, fire 8 departments, Emergency Medical Service units, churches, and Boy 9 Scout troops and for his unfailing support of the Gulf Intracoastal 10 Canal; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 14, 1916, King was a lifelong 11 resident of Port Lavaca; he was the fourth son of Charles Everett 12 13 and Kittie Grace Moss Fisher, having been preceded in death by his 14 older brothers, Everett, Leonard Moss, and J.N. Fisher; he has also 15 been preceded in death by his beloved grandson Jason LaQuay; he married Jewel Tanner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tanner of 16 Port Lavaca, on August 13, 1937; he remained happily married to 17 Jewel the rest of his life; and 18

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher started King Fisher Machine Works by assembling a towboat with salvaged parts from junkyards and a used engine; he and Jewel built King Fisher Marine Service, Incorporated, into the largest dredging and marine construction 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 a quarter of a billion cubic yards of material for the United States Corps of Engineers and private industry, laid almost two million feet of marine pipelines, and drove approximately 300,000 pilings; 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 helped the Texas Historical Commission raise cannons from La Salle's vessel, *Belle*; he served as a director of the First National Bank of Port Lavaca and of the Seaport Bank in Seadrift; he was honored with numerous awards over his lifetime; and

18 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 23 chamber also gave King and Jewel the Man and Woman of the Year Award 24 in 2004; and

25 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

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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; 11 and his six great-grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do so in memory of King Fisher.

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