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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Howard Ernest Beckendorff, esteemed descendant of
2 one of Katy's most distinguished families, passed away on April 12,
3 2007, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Joseph and Martha Beckendorff on August 19,
5 1912, Howard Beckendorff grew up in Katy and attended the one-room
6 South Mayde School; he married the former Bertha Jeanette Matzke on
7 December 6, 1934, and they became the parents of four children,
8 Doris Fay, Lynn Alton, and twins Loyce Eileen and Joyce Aline; and

9 WHEREAS, Although Mr. Beckendorff was a farmer and rancher at
10 heart, he supported his family as an operator with Humble Oil and
11 Refining Company and maintained livestock on the side; after an
12 early retirement from the Exxon Company, he owned and operated a
13 slaughterhouse, where he made and sold smoked sausage; he
14 subsequently worked for Daniel Industries before retiring for good
15 some years later; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Beckendorff derived great pleasure from singing
17 and playing guitar in the Joyful Noise Makers, a musical group that
18 performed at nursing homes, and he remained active doing yard work
19 for local widows; a faithful member of the First United Methodist
20 Church of Katy, he served on the board of stewards for 10 years and
21 was often the first person to arrive on Sunday mornings to make
22 coffee; in addition to occasional fishing trips, he enjoyed reading
23 the Bible and newspaper daily; and

24 WHEREAS, Recognized as a lifetime member of the Katy FFA,

1 this beloved patriarch continued to reside on a section of the
2 family land until his death; he was especially proud of Beckendorff
3 Junior High School, named in honor of his grandfather, Robert
4 Beckendorff, who was instrumental in achieving early educational
5 milestones in Katy, and of the fact that two of his great-grandsons
6 attended the school in its inaugural year; and

7 WHEREAS, Howard Beckendorff will long be remembered for his
8 devotion to his family and friends, for his strong integrity and
9 work ethic, and for his passion for the Katy countryside; although
10 he will be deeply missed, his legacy will live on in the hearts of
11 all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Howard Ernest
14 Beckendorff and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
15 family: to his daughters, Doris Stanberry and her husband, Buddy,
16 Loyce Reese, and Joyce Baker; to his grandchildren, Teloa Pearman
17 and her husband, Jimmy, LaTonna Chevalier and her husband, Preston,
18 Tawanna Botter and her husband, Jimmy, Tyron Stanberry and his
19 wife, Dallas, Vonda Holmes, Darla Bingham and her husband, Billy,
20 Craig Baker and his wife, Kelly, Gayla Clements, and Brenda Baker;
21 to his 26 great-grandchildren and nine great-great-grandchildren;
22 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Howard
26 Ernest Beckendorff.