

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the untimely loss of
2 Roy Farris Bennett of Uvalde, who passed away on April 28, 2007, at
3 the age of 48; and

4 WHEREAS, Born April 22, 1959, to Ben and Marinel Bennett in
5 Uvalde, Mr. Bennett graduated from Uvalde High School in 1977 and
6 went on to earn degrees from Southwest Texas Junior College; and

7 WHEREAS, He learned the value of hard work on his family's
8 ranch in Batesville, the Bennett Arrowhead Ranch, where he helped
9 to raise cattle, sheep, and goats; he later worked as shop foreman
10 at AgroFord; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Bennett ran his own business, Bennett Mobile
12 Repair, until 1998, when he and his partners purchased the John
13 Deere dealership in Uvalde, renaming it Uvalde Tractor and
14 Implement; they later purchased the John Deere dealerships in
15 Castroville and Pearsall; all three locations were managed by Mr.
16 Bennett until his illness; and

17 WHEREAS, Married to Cecily Ede since 1981, Mr. Bennett was an
18 active member of several churches; at First Christian Church he
19 served as elder, song leader, and Sunday school teacher; later he
20 was ordained as an elder of the First Presbyterian Church; he was
21 active as well as a director of the Christian Action Group,
22 participating in its missionary activities in Mexico, the
23 Caribbean, and South America, and with the Greater Uvalde Emmaus
24 and Chrysalis Communities; a talented and versatile musician, Mr.

1 Bennett performed on piano, trombone, guitar, banjo, mandolin,
2 fiddle, and accordion, often as part of his ministry work; and

3 WHEREAS, In the greater community, Mr. Bennett served with
4 the Uvalde County Appraisal District Board, the Uvalde County
5 Livestock Show, and the Uvalde Youth Rodeo Club; he was also the
6 chaplain of the Uvalde Volunteer Fire Department; and

7 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and an active member of his
8 church and his community, Mr. Bennett will long be remembered by all
9 who knew him for his generous gifts of time and energy in behalf of
10 others; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Roy Farris Bennett and
13 extend deepest condolences to his family: to his wife, Cecily
14 Bennett; to his daughter, Kami Gale Bennett; to his sons, Carson
15 "Rusty" Bennett, Mickey Gerdes and his wife, Kristi, and Andy
16 Gerdes and his wife, Heather; to his brothers, Baxter Bennett and
17 his wife, Carmen, and Blaine Bennett and his wife, Nancy; to his
18 sister-in-law, Mary Sue Laffere and her husband, Don; to his
19 grandson, Tyler Gerdes; to his granddaughters, Brianne Gerdes,
20 Krislyn Wimberley, and Caitlin Wimberley; and to his other family
21 and friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2094

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2094 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 25, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House