SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 822

In Memory of Sam D. Seale

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of Sam D. Seale, who died February 7, 2007, at the age of 73; and

WHEREAS, Sam Seale was a former Jackson County Judge and a longtime executive director of the Texas Association of Counties; and

WHEREAS, He was born in Floresville on September 27, 1933; his early goal was to pursue a career in law enforcement; he worked with the police department in Kingsville, the Travis County Sheriff's Office, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.; and

WHEREAS, He attended Texas A&I University in Kingsville, the American College of Law in Washington, D.C., and The University of Texas School of Law; and

WHEREAS, After he and his wife and children moved to the family ranch in Jackson County, he was elected county judge in 1971; he continued to operate the ranch and served as president of the South Texas Judges and Commissioners Association and as head of the statewide County Judges and Commissioners Association of Texas; and

WHEREAS, Judge Seale joined the staff of the Texas Association of Counties in 1986 and became the organization's executive director in 1987; throughout his tenure, he was well known for his excellent leadership and his love of Texas county government, and he was recently honored for his 20 years of outstanding service to the association; and

WHEREAS, He was proud of serving four terms as president of the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission and earning the title of Man of the Year in 1979 and 1984; he was also named Man of the Year by the Texas County Agriculture Agents Association; and

WHEREAS, He was a director of the Texas Supreme Court Judges Education Committee, the South Texas Health Systems Agency, the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Advisory Committee, and the Texas Department of Community Affairs Advisory Committee; and

WHEREAS, An inspirational community leader and a man of exemplary loyalty and integrity, Sam Seale was noted for his generous nature and was beloved by his family and friends, and he will long be remembered by all who knew him; a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, he will be deeply missed; now, therefore, be it

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RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 80th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Sam D. Seale: his wife, Sylvia Aldrete Seale; his sons and daughters-in-law, Sam D. Seale IV and Sandra, Marc Thomas, and Michael and Cerenna McCrery; his daughters and sons-in-law, Carrie Hearne, Lea Ann Guyton, Terry and Pat Fazio, Jean and Max Bordelon, and Laura and Jeff Hanson; his sister, Laura Ann Farley; and his 21 grandchildren and great-grandchild; 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 Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sam D. Seale.

Hegar, Duncan

President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on April 25, 2007, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate