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H.C.R. No. 40

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Kenneth
2 Helm of Sumner, who died on December 31, 2008, at the age of 78; and

3 WHEREAS, Kenneth Helm was born to Abner and Corinne Copening
4 Helm on October 24, 1930, and grew up in Direct; after graduating
5 from Direct High School in 1948, he attended Paris Junior College;
6 and

7 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty during the
8 Korean War, he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force in 1951 and served for
9 four years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Helm returned to Direct after his discharge from
11 the military and joined Uarco, Inc.; following a 31-year tenure
12 with that company, he retired in 1986 and opened an auto salvage
13 service, which he operated from 1987 to 1999; he was a volunteer
14 firefighter in the early years of the Direct Volunteer Fire
15 Department; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Mr. Helm was also a rancher,
17 and he was widely respected as a jack-of-all-trades, capable of
18 handling any job that needed doing; and

19 WHEREAS, Kenneth Helm worked hard all his life and made his
20 own way in the world, and he will forever be remembered with deep
21 affection by all who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby pay tribute to the life of Kenneth Helm and extend sincere
24 condolences to the members of his family: to his former spouse,

1 Billie McCann Helm; to his daughter, Lana Beth; to his son, Kenny;
2 to his former daughter-in-law, Sue Jamerson; to his brothers, Jerry
3 Delbert Helm and his wife, Inez, V. Donald Helm, and Wayne Helm and
4 his wife, Ann; to his sister, Elsie Parson; and to his other
5 relatives and friends; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
9 Kenneth Helm.