

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Fair Oaks Ranch lost a beloved neighbor
2 and admired community leader with the death of Erwin Louis Gaubatz
3 on September 20, 2007, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 31, 1931, in San Antonio, to Erwin
5 Louis Gaubatz, Sr., and Rosa Lee Gaubatz, "Boots" Gaubatz graduated
6 with the Class of 1949 from Thomas Jefferson High School, where he
7 had served as student council president; the recipient of a
8 baseball scholarship to Southern Methodist University, he played
9 third base for the Mustangs and participated in the ROTC program
10 before graduating in 1953 with a business administration degree;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Gaubatz served as a first lieutenant in the
13 United States Air Force and for a nine-month span directed the DEW
14 (Distant Early Warning) Line radar site on the ice cap near Thule,
15 Greenland, during the final stages of the Korean War; and

16 WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Gaubatz began
17 dating June Meredith Durst, and the sweethearts were married on
18 September 14, 1957; at about the same time, he joined Southwestern
19 Bell Telephone, for which he had worked previously during college;
20 his distinguished 38-year tenure with that company culminated in
21 his appointment as general manager of network distribution
22 services; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Gaubatz and his family moved frequently over the
24 course of his career, with his work taking him to a number of

1 different cities in Texas, Missouri, Kansas, and Arkansas, as well
2 as to Washington, D.C.; in each new "hometown," Mr. Gaubatz and his
3 wife maintained a busy schedule volunteering at their church and
4 their children's schools; Mr. Gaubatz coached many of the youth
5 baseball, football, and basketball teams on which his sons played,
6 and he also maintained an active role in the Southwestern Bell
7 Pioneers, serving in the post of president; Mr. Gaubatz and his
8 family returned to the Alamo City in 1980; and

9 WHEREAS, This civic-minded gentleman was subsequently
10 elected president of the Fair Oaks subdivision homeowners
11 association, and when the community was chartered as Fair Oaks
12 Ranch in 1988, he became mayor, an office he continued to hold until
13 his passing; his unflinching dedication to the duties of his office
14 and responsiveness to the concerns of his fellow residents helped
15 to make Fair Oaks Ranch an even nicer place in which to live; and

16 WHEREAS, Boots Gaubatz left behind a record of immeasurable
17 service to his country and his community; he is greatly missed, and
18 he will forever be remembered with deep affection by countless
19 individuals whose lives were enriched by his kindness and
20 encouragement; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Erwin Louis "Boots"
23 Gaubatz and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
24 his wife, June Gaubatz; to his sons, Glen, Dean, Brad, and Dale
25 Gaubatz; to his grandchildren, Katie, Emily, Trae, Gina, Darby, and
26 Antonio; to his brother, Dan Gaubatz, and his wife, MaryEllen; to
27 his nephews, Danny and Andrew; and to his other relatives and many

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1 friends; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Erwin Louis
5 "Boots" Gaubatz.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Pena
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 20 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House