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H.R. No. 20

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 unfailing 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

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.