## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
- 2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort those who mourn the
- 3 loss of John Robert Kleimann of Willis, who passed away on January
- 4 23, 2009, at the age of 81; and
- 5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, John Kleimann was born in Houston on
- 6 January 16, 1928; destined to be a leader from an early age, he won
- 7 the first calf scramble in the history of the Houston Livestock Show
- 8 and Rodeo at the age of 15; three years later, he enlisted in the
- 9 U.S. Navy and became a Seabee, and during his service he helped to
- 10 prepare Bikini Island for the first atomic bomb test; and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Kleimann went on to own and operate the largest
- 12 dairy farm and ranch in South Texas; a prominent figure in his
- 13 profession, he became executive vice president of the South Texas
- 14 Milk Producers Association and served for 28 years as the director
- 15 and three-time president of the Montgomery County Farm Bureau; he
- 16 was also executive director of Citadel Bank and, as a Realtor,
- 17 helped to develop the Bridgepoint subdivision; and
- WHEREAS, For 16 years, Mr. Kleimann served his fellow
- 19 citizens with distinction as the constable of Precinct 1 in
- 20 Montgomery County; he served as the precinct's justice of the peace
- 21 from 1991 until his retirement in 2003, and throughout his
- 22 outstanding tenure he was particularly known for his desire to help
- 23 young people; and
- 24 WHEREAS, Mr. Kleimann also gave generously of his time and

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- 1 talents to a number of community groups; a charter member and
- 2 director of the Willis Area Chamber of Commerce, he was a valued
- 3 member of American Legion Post No. 618 and the Montgomery County
- 4 Philosophical Society and an honorary life member of the Knights of
- 5 Columbus; in addition, he was a 21-year member and three-time
- 6 president of the local Rotary Club, with 14 years of perfect
- 7 attendance; and
- 8 WHEREAS, This devoted family man shared nearly six decades of
- 9 marriage with his wife, Beatrice, with whom he had four children,
- 10 Kathleen, Jeanette, David, and the late John Robert Kleimann, Jr.;
- 11 he enjoyed spending time with his loved ones, especially his nine
- 12 grandchildren; and
- WHEREAS, Although he will be greatly missed, John Kleimann
- 14 leaves behind a legacy that will live on in his many contributions
- 15 to his hometown and in the cherished memories of his loved ones;
- 16 now, therefore, be it
- 17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John Robert Kleimann
- 19 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
- 20 wife, Beatrice; to his children, Kathleen Dunlap and her husband,
- 21 John, Jeanette Rae and her husband, Donald, and David Kleimann and
- 22 his wife, Kim; to his grandchildren, Lauren, Lesley, and Landyn
- 23 Dunlap, Jacqueline, Jillian, and Joseph Rae, and Taylor, John
- 24 David, and Meredith Kleimann; and to his other relatives and
- 25 friends; and, be it further
- 26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

- 1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Robert
- 2 Kleimann.

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I certify that H.R. No. 544 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House