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R E S O L U T I O N

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

18 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

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

13 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

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