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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The legacy of the late Marion Martin Weaver of
2 Center continues to resonate in the community he was proud to call
3 home; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 9, 1921, to Marion and Stella Mae
5 Weaver, Martin Weaver graduated in 1937 from Center High School and
6 went on to attend The University of Texas at Austin; when his father
7 died in 1939, he and his brother, Malcolm, assumed the operation of
8 the family's lumber company, eventually transforming it into one of
9 the most well-known lumberyards in East Texas; together they built
10 and financed homes in Shelby, San Augustine, Panola, and Sabine
11 Counties, including the Greenwood and Lakewood subdivisions in
12 Center; and

13 WHEREAS, The brothers were also instrumental in the growth of
14 the broiler industry in Shelby County in the late 1940s; Martin
15 Weaver designed and built the first broiler house in the area and
16 later cooperated with feed companies and farmers to build numerous
17 others; in just two decades, the county gained recognition as one of
18 the broiler capitals of the Southwest and as the number one
19 egg-producing county in the state; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Weaver further distinguished himself as a World
21 War II veteran and as the founder of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in
22 Shelby County; moreover, he served on the Center City Council and
23 was a member of the Rotary Club and First Christian Church; and

24 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Weaver shared more than

1 four decades with his wife, Joy, and the couple were the proud
2 parents of a daughter, Joy Ann Weaver Havran; Mr. Weaver also
3 enjoyed many friendships through the years; he was known for his
4 thoughtful and caring nature as well as for living by the messages
5 found in two favorite songs, "Give the World a Smile" and "Have a
6 Little Faith in Jesus"; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Mr. Weaver's death on June 10, 1982,
8 brought great sadness to the people of Shelby County, his
9 outstanding contributions have not been forgotten, and it is indeed
10 fitting to honor the memory of this esteemed Texan; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Marion Martin Weaver;
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Martin
18 Weaver.