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H.R. No. 590

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Fort Worth lost a dedicated civic
2 leader with the passing of Charles Ray "Chuck" Silcox on October 25,
3 2008, at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, A native and lifelong resident of Fort Worth, Chuck
5 Silcox was born on October 8, 1943, and he went on to graduate from
6 Paschal High School in 1961; he later attended Tyler Junior College
7 and Texas Christian University, and from 1965 to 1970, he worked at
8 General Dynamics as an industrial engineer; after being employed in
9 the industrial development division of Texas Electric Service
10 Company during the 1970s, Mr. Silcox held various management
11 positions with a number of janitorial companies, and in 1985, he
12 established his own janitorial services company, Quasar Services;
13 he was also the founder of Silcox Management, Inc., which he
14 launched in 1996; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to being a successful businessman, Mr.
16 Silcox was active in local politics as Fort Worth's longest-serving
17 city council member; since he was first elected in 1991, he won each
18 subsequent bid for reelection and in 2007 had begun his ninth term
19 representing District 3, in the southwestern region of the city; he
20 had served as mayor pro tempore three times, and he was on numerous
21 boards and commissions, including the Safety and Community
22 Development Council and the Regional Transportation Council of the
23 North Central Texas Council of Governments; and

24 WHEREAS, As a councilman, Mr. Silcox was highly regarded for

1 his tenacity and originality, his concern for the city's
2 neighborhoods, and his unwavering loyalty to his constituents; he
3 was the proponent of a long-range plan to help the homeless in Fort
4 Worth and of such transportation initiatives as the Southwest
5 Parkway, and he was a strong advocate for the police and
6 firefighters' associations; an animal lover, Mr. Silcox also
7 advocated for the humane treatment of animals and he was a fervent
8 supporter of the Fort Worth Animal Care and Control Center, which is
9 being renamed in his honor in 2009; moreover, as the senior member
10 of the city council, he inspired others with his long-standing
11 dedication to meeting the needs of the people he served; and

12 WHEREAS, Chuck Silcox was committed to his fellow citizens
13 and to ensuring a bright future for the city of Fort Worth, and he
14 leaves behind a legacy of compassion, dedication, and community
15 service that will long be remembered by all who were fortunate
16 enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charles Ray "Chuck"
19 Silcox and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
20 his wife of 28 years, Brenda; to his daughters, Bridgett Thurman and
21 Brandi Loar; to his six grandchildren; and to his other relatives
22 and many friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles Ray
26 "Chuck" Silcox.