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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lloyd Jefferson Roberts, Jr., of Edinburg, an
2 admired community leader and exemplary businessman, passed away on
3 March 8, 2008, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Tyler in 1916, "Bob" Roberts graduated from
5 Edinburg public schools and Edinburg Junior College before earning
6 a bachelor of business administration degree from The University of
7 Texas at Austin; he went on to serve his country as a member of the
8 U.S. Army during World War II, attaining the rank of major, and he
9 later served as a member of both the U.S. Army Cavalry and the
10 Adjutant Generals Corps; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1947, Mr. Roberts went to work as general manager
12 of his family's car dealership, the Standard Motor Company, which
13 he later renamed Roberts Chevrolet; through the years, he was known
14 as a fair and friendly businessman whose employees remained with
15 him for decades, and he had the pleasure of working alongside
16 several family members, including his brother, Harry; he was
17 honored in 1997 as a 50-year Chevrolet dealer by the Texas
18 Automobile Dealers Association and retired some years later at the
19 age of 85; and

20 WHEREAS, Devoted to his community, this esteemed Texan
21 further distinguished himself through his leadership in the
22 Edinburg Kiwanis Club, the Edinburg Chamber of Commerce, and the
23 Rio Grande Council of the Boy Scouts of America; in addition, he
24 shared his expertise with the urban renewal board of Edinburg, the

1 board of the Hidalgo County Road District, and the board of Hidalgo
2 Savings and Loan, which he served for nearly two decades; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Roberts counted among his favorite pastimes
4 hunting, fishing, traveling, gardening, photography, and
5 astronomy, and he enjoyed music ranging from opera to country;
6 moreover, he was passionate about the landscape of South Texas and
7 delighted in taking long drives in the country; in all of his
8 endeavors, he was supported by his wife, Jo, with whom he shared
9 more than half a century; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Roberts was a man of character, generosity, and
11 enthusiasm who made a lasting and positive difference to the
12 Edinburg community and to a wide circle of family, friends,
13 associates, and employees, and he will be remembered with great
14 affection and admiration by all those whose lives he touched; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lloyd Jefferson "Bob"
18 Roberts, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
19 family: to his wife, Jo Lynge Roberts; to his daughter, Cynthia
20 Roberts; to his sons, Kip Roberts and Mitchell Roberts and his wife,
21 Paula; to his granddaughters, Jenna and Lana Roberts; to his
22 brother, Harry Roberts; to his brother-in-law, Ed Lynge and his
23 wife, Jane; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lloyd

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