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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of Billy Eugene "Sarge" Cook of Dallas, who passed away on  
3 February 18, 2009, at the age of 79; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Lebanon, Missouri, Sarge Cook was born  
5 February 16, 1930, to Robert and Wynona Cook; he joined the U.S. Air  
6 Force at the age of 18 and proudly served his country in the Korean  
7 War; during his military career, he worked as an airplane  
8 technician and later served as a missile technician in the early  
9 days of the space program; he also enjoyed playing semipro football  
10 for the U.S. Air Force before his retirement as chief master  
11 sergeant in 1968; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Cook went on to drive cattle trucks until 1975,  
13 when he embraced his true passion of working the rodeo; he served as  
14 an event chute boss at rodeos in Texas, Kansas, and Nebraska and as  
15 a livestock supervisor at the Indian National Finals Rodeo in  
16 Albuquerque, New Mexico; he also held various positions at the  
17 National Finals Rodeo in Las Vegas and the Fort Worth Stock Show and  
18 Rodeo, and he was instrumental in opening Billy Bob's Texas, where  
19 he worked for several years; and

20           WHEREAS, Earning the respect and admiration of his peers for  
21 his devotion to the sport, this notable professional was inducted  
22 into the Texas Rodeo Cowboy Hall of Fame in 2003; and

23           WHEREAS, Mr. Cook was devoted to his children, Genia Cook and  
24 the late Gene Cook, and enjoyed spending time with his grandson,

1 Scott, and his great-grandson, Cassius; and

2 WHEREAS, Sarge Cook is deeply missed by those who were  
3 privileged to know him, and he will always be remembered with great  
4 admiration for his generous friendship and dedication to his craft;  
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Billy Eugene "Sarge"  
8 Cook and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to  
9 his daughter, Genia Cook; to his grandson, Scott Cook; to his  
10 great-grandson, Cassius Cook; to his brother, Elwin Cook; and to  
11 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Billy  
15 Eugene "Sarge" Cook.