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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of State
- 2 District Judge Britton E. Plunk of Silsbee, who passed away on May
- 3 17, 2011, at the age of 64; and
- WHEREAS, The son of Mona and Eddie R. Plunk and a lifelong
- 5 resident of Silsbee, Britt Plunk was born on May 10, 1947; he
- 6 graduated from Silsbee High School in 1965 and attended The
- 7 University of Texas at Austin before transferring to Lamar
- 8 University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1969; he
- 9 then earned his juris doctorate at South Texas College of Law and
- 10 was admitted to the bar in 1973; and
- 11 WHEREAS, After working in private practice, Judge Plunk
- 12 joined the district attorney's office in Hardin County in 1977;
- 13 that same year, he married his high school sweetheart, the former
- 14 Jan Ford, and the couple shared 34 years together as husband and
- 15 wife and raised one daughter, Catherine; and
- WHEREAS, Judge Plunk was elected as county attorney in 1983;
- 17 two years later, the State of Texas created the 356th Judicial
- 18 District Court, and he was appointed to the judgeship; area
- 19 residents repeatedly voted to retain him in that office, and he
- 20 oversaw the court until his passing; during his notable tenure, he
- 21 heard more than 20,000 civil and criminal cases, and he was well
- 22 known in the county as a fair and dedicated judge; despite his busy
- 23 schedule, he made time to travel to his ranch in South Texas, where
- 24 he enjoyed bird and deer hunting; and

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- 1 WHEREAS, Judge Plunk led a productive life that was made rich
- 2 through meaningful service and accomplishments, and his
- 3 contributions to his community will be remembered and admired for
- 4 years to come; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
- 6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
- 7 of the Honorable Britton E. Plunk and extend sincere sympathy to the
- 8 members of his family: to his wife, Jan; to his daughter, Catherine
- 9 Plunk-Mauer, and her husband, Patrick; to his mother, Mona Britton
- 10 Plunk; to his sister, Mary Susan Plunk; and to his other relatives
- 11 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 Judge Britt
- 15 Plunk.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 175 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 28, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House