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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may  
2 temper the profound sadness felt by the family and friends of Emory  
3 Chapman Thompson of Austin, who passed away on March 24, 2011, at  
4 the age of 79; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio on June 19, 1931, to Emory and  
6 Loretta Thompson, Emory Thompson moved with his family to Austin in  
7 1937 and grew up in the Tarrytown neighborhood; when he was a boy,  
8 his family kept a stable in their backyard, and he enjoyed riding  
9 his horse throughout the area; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson graduated in 1949 from Austin High  
11 School, where he played on the Maroons football team, and he  
12 attended Schreiner Institute in Kerrville for a year before  
13 transferring to The University of Texas; while a student at UT, he  
14 served as president of the Kappa Alpha Order fraternity and as  
15 company commander of the Naval Reserve Officer Training Corps;  
16 after receiving a bachelor's degree in business administration in  
17 1954, Mr. Thompson enlisted in the U.S. Navy as an ensign and served  
18 on the USS *Swift* in the Pacific; when his enlistment in the navy was  
19 finished, he joined the U.S. Naval Reserve and served for another 24  
20 years, retiring with the rank of captain; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson returned to Austin in 1956 and worked  
22 with the family-owned Austin Goodyear Company as a sales manager  
23 until 1974, when the company was sold; he subsequently embarked on a  
24 second career with Capitol National Bank, later known as Texas

1 Commerce Bank, and he remained with that financial institution  
2 until his retirement as executive vice president in 1989; over the  
3 years, he also served as a member of the board of directors for  
4 Cattleman's State Bank and as an advisory director with American  
5 Bank of Commerce; and

6 WHEREAS, Active in his community, this esteemed Texan sat on  
7 the board of directors for Saint Andrew's Episcopal School and  
8 Junior Achievement of Central Texas, and he was a founding board  
9 member for the Austin Camp Fire Girls, which recognized him with its  
10 Distinguished Service Award and Luther Halsey Gulick Award; he also  
11 served as president of the board for the Young Men's Business League  
12 and the Austin Woods and Waters Club, as well as chair of the  
13 McBride Conservation Fund Foundation; he maintained 44 years of  
14 perfect attendance with the Rotary Club of Austin, which honored  
15 him as a Paul Harris Fellow, and he served two terms on the Travis  
16 County Grand Jury; moreover, he was a member of the Southwest  
17 Cattleman's Association, the Admirals Club, the Headliners Club,  
18 and the Austin Assembly; and

19 WHEREAS, When he retired from banking, Mr. Thompson  
20 concentrated on running his farm and ranch operation, Thompson  
21 Farms, and some of his happiest times were spent on his land in  
22 Ellis and Navarro Counties; an avid outdoorsman and a skilled  
23 hunter, he received the 1988 Sportsman of the Year Award from the  
24 Austin Woods and Waters Club, and he collected the Grand Slam of  
25 North American Wild Sheep, with one of his trophies winning  
26 recognition for excellence by the Boone and Crockett Club; and

27 WHEREAS, Mr. Thompson married the former Jean Powell on June

1 24, 1955, and they enjoyed a rewarding 46 years together, until her  
2 passing on December 30, 2001; he was blessed with three children,  
3 Emory, Ann, and Kate, as well as five grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, Emory Thompson enjoyed a life that was rich in  
5 family, friends, and accomplishments, and those who were privileged  
6 to share in his love and friendship will forever remember him with  
7 great admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Emory Chapman  
10 Thompson and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
11 family: to his children, Emory Powell Thompson and his wife, Jodie,  
12 Ann Bauer and her husband, Meade, and Kate Thompson; to his  
13 grandchildren, Taylor Amanda Thompson, Emory Archer Thompson,  
14 Louis Thompson Bauer, Martin Chapman Bauer, and Wilson Thornton  
15 Bauer; to his friend, Mary Lou Fitzpatrick; and to his other  
16 relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Emory  
20 Chapman Thompson.