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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of Aransas County are mourning the loss of  
2 longtime public servant Robert Owen Hewes of Fulton, who passed  
3 away on April 22, 2011, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Hewes was born in Tilton, Illinois, on September  
5 5, 1928, to Harley and Hettie Hewes; answering his nation's call to  
6 duty, he served as a military police officer in both the U.S. Navy  
7 and the U.S. Air Force and was eventually posted to a radar station  
8 in Aransas County; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the air force, Mr.  
10 Hewes began a career in civilian law enforcement that included  
11 positions as a patrol officer for the Aransas Pass Police  
12 Department, a deputy sheriff for Aransas County, and chief of  
13 police for Rockport; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hewes won election as Aransas County sheriff in  
15 1967, and he held that post for a quarter of a century; despite his  
16 Midwestern roots, he became the quintessential Texas sheriff,  
17 wearing a Stetson hat and staring down felons while he chewed on his  
18 cigar; he was named Sheriff of the Year in 1991 by the Sheriffs'  
19 Association of Texas; and

20 WHEREAS, During his career, Sheriff Hewes made a special  
21 effort to help young people in need; he founded the Aransas County  
22 Sheriff Explorer post and the local Toys for Tots program, and he  
23 was a leader in the Aransas County Youth Support Center; he also  
24 shared his time and talents with the Salvation Army, Aransas County

1 Crime Stoppers, and Fulton Neighborhood Watch; and

2 WHEREAS, In the early 2000s, Mr. Hewes returned to public  
3 service as a Fulton City Council member, and he was serving as mayor  
4 pro tem at the time of his death; through the years, he further  
5 distinguished himself as a member of the Fulton Volunteer Fire  
6 Department and the Stewart Wendell VFW Post No. 3904 and as chaplain  
7 of the Sheriffs' Association of Texas; he was also a member of the  
8 First Baptist Church in Rockport and the Fulton Community Church;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman was supported in his  
11 endeavors by his wife, Lynn Hewes, and he was the father of five  
12 children, Robert Miller, Ronald Hewes, Rachael Harryman, Roberta  
13 Hewes, and the late Roxanne Smith; and

14 WHEREAS, Although Bob Hewes will be deeply missed, he leaves  
15 behind a legacy of service and accomplishment that will continue to  
16 inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Owen Hewes and  
19 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
20 wife, Lynn Hewes; to his sons, Robert B. Miller and his wife,  
21 Rhetta, and Ronald Owen Hewes; to his daughters, Rachael Harryman  
22 and her husband, Terry, and Roberta LeAnn Hewes; to his brother,  
23 Wayne Hewes; to his sister, Sandra Shaw, and her husband, Charles;  
24 to his granddaughters, Tiffany Miller, Amber Hewes, Lauren Miller,  
25 Lynndsey Smith, and Sarah Smith; to his great-grandsons, Blake  
26 Miller and Mason Miller Hewes; and to his other relatives and  
27 friends; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bob Hewes.