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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of China Grove lost one of its most beloved  
2 residents with the death of Herb Carroll on February 6, 2011, at the  
3 age of 84; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Bexar County, Marion "Herb" Carroll was  
5 born on November 6, 1926, to Marie and Marion H. Carroll; he had a  
6 notable 27-year career with Southwestern Bell, where he met his  
7 wife, Pat, and the couple shared 32 years of marriage and were  
8 blessed with six children, Kathy, Beth, Bradley, Wesley, Toby, and  
9 Kellye; and

10           WHEREAS, After his retirement, Mr. Carroll founded Herb's Hat  
11 Shop, and he became known as "Mr. Hat Man" during the following  
12 three decades; in addition to outfitting a host of loyal customers,  
13 including President George W. Bush, he used his vocation to benefit  
14 a number of worthy endeavors in which he participated; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll was an active and valued member of his  
16 community; charter president of the China Grove Area Lions Club, he  
17 helped to establish the group in the early 1980s and went on to hold  
18 every leadership position within the local organization; he further  
19 served the Lions Club as zone and region chair and in a number of  
20 district cabinet offices, and he was a dedicated supporter of the  
21 Texas Lions Camp, which provides a memorable week-long camping  
22 experience free of charge to children with special needs; through  
23 the years, he provided hats to Lions in countries across the world,  
24 and he was especially proud to present a custom hat to Jimmy Ross,

1 the 89th president of Lions Clubs International; and

2 WHEREAS, Dedicated to making his town an even better place to  
3 live, Mr. Carroll served on the China Grove City Council for more  
4 than a decade, during which time the police department was expanded  
5 and a new municipal court was created; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Carroll was also a life member of the San Antonio  
7 Livestock Association, sharing his time with the calf scramble and  
8 exhibit committees, and a lifetime honorary chair of the Cowboy  
9 Breakfast, which he organized and helped to fund; and

10 WHEREAS, Caring and generous, Mr. Carroll found pleasure and  
11 inspiration in helping others; he was a member of St. Paul Lutheran  
12 Church, where he enjoyed the fellowship of many congregants; and

13 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of a  
14 man's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark on the  
15 world as they move through it, and Herb Carroll's contributions to  
16 his community will long resonate in the lives of all who knew him;  
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Herb Carroll and  
20 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
21 Pat; to his children, Kathy Hecox and her husband, Glen, Beth Zwicke  
22 and her husband, Dennis, Bradley Carroll and his wife, Annette,  
23 Wesley Carroll, Toby Fest and Mike Riordan, and Kellye Harris and  
24 her husband, Randy; to his grandchildren, Ryan Hecox, his wife,  
25 Leslie, and their son, Kyle, Ross Hecox and his wife, Amye, Ragan  
26 Hecox, Brent Reininger and his wife, Dana, Justin Reininger and his  
27 wife, Nicole, Hilary Reininger, Tyler Reininger, Zack Carroll, Zane

1 Carroll, Tori Carroll, Weston Carroll, Gary Fowler, Nicole Anderson  
2 and her husband, Taylor, and Jordan Grenadier; to his  
3 great-grandchildren, Brooke and Reide Reininger and Kylie and  
4 Kelsie Reininger; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,  
5 be it further

6       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Herb  
9 Carroll.