

1 prominent positions in the Texas and American Forestry
2 Associations; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Merrem and his wife, the former Mary Elizabeth
4 Caldwell, were longtime residents of Houston and active members of
5 the congregation at Saint Luke's United Methodist Church; through
6 the years, he volunteered his time to assist various civic
7 initiatives, and he was a 32nd-degree Mason who devoted more than 50
8 years to the charitable work of the Shriners; after a lifetime of
9 service and achievement, he passed away on June 29, 1982, at the age
10 of 85; and

11 WHEREAS, A pioneering figure among the Boy Scouts of Texas
12 and a successful business and community leader, William Elmo Merrem
13 stands as a meaningful source of inspiration for young people, and
14 it is indeed appropriate that his legacy be celebrated and
15 appreciated throughout the Lone Star State on the anniversary of
16 his birth; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
18 hereby designate May 22 of each year from 2011 through 2020 as
19 William Elmo Merrem Day in honor of the first Eagle Scout from
20 Texas.