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S.C.R. No. 55

1                   SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2           WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas honors and  
3 commemorates the lives of John Clinton Formby and Margaret Clark  
4 Formby; and

5           WHEREAS, This distinguished couple was widely admired  
6 throughout the Panhandle and the state for their many contributions  
7 to their community and their respective fields of endeavor; and

8           WHEREAS, John Clinton Formby, known as Clint Formby, was born  
9 December 23, 1923, in McAdoo; after graduating from McAdoo High  
10 School, he entered Texas Tech University; he left school to enlist  
11 in the United States Army during World War II, and he served as a  
12 staff sergeant and medic at the 235th General Hospital in  
13 Marseille, France; and

14           WHEREAS, Margaret Clark Formby was born July 12, 1929, in Van  
15 Horn; salutatorian of her 1946 class at Van Horn High School, she  
16 attended Texas Tech University, where she became the first Miss  
17 Texas Tech; and

18           WHEREAS, After the war, Clint Formby returned to Texas Tech  
19 University, where he met Margaret, and they were married; while  
20 attending school, he worked with his uncle on the construction of  
21 the KPAN-AM radio station in Hereford, and his was the first voice  
22 heard on the air when the station began broadcasting; and

23           WHEREAS, Mrs. Formby had a lifelong interest in the role  
24 women have played in western culture, and she built an impressive

1 collection of western and rodeo artifacts; to highlight the many  
2 contributions that women made to the legacy of the West, she founded  
3 the National Cowgirl Museum and Hall of Fame in Hereford, using her  
4 collection as its foundation; the museum has since moved to the  
5 heart of the Fort Worth cultural district, where it continues to  
6 delight visitors from across the nation; and

7         WHEREAS, Mr. Formby crafted a long and illustrious career in  
8 the radio industry; known on-air as the "Old Philosopher," he did a  
9 daily broadcast on a wide variety of topics that ran for more than  
10 half a century on KPAN-AM and FM, the longest-running daily radio  
11 broadcast by a single host in the country; and

12         WHEREAS, The couple was active in numerous civic  
13 organizations and each won numerous accolades for community  
14 service; Mr. Formby served as president of the Deaf Smith County  
15 Chamber of Commerce and of the Kiwanis Club, was named Citizen of  
16 the Year, and in 1984 was inducted into the Hall of Fame of the Texas  
17 Association of Broadcasters; Mrs. Formby worked with the American  
18 Cancer Society and the Kings Manor Methodist Home, and she helped to  
19 establish the Cowboy Symposium held at Texas Tech University, where  
20 she served on the board of the National Ranching Heritage Center;  
21 she was also the first woman elected to the Texas Tech University  
22 Rodeo Hall of Fame; and

23         WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Formby enjoyed more than 50 years of  
24 marriage and raised five children, Larry, Marshall, Ben, and Scott  
25 Formby, and the late Linda Kay Formby; and

26         WHEREAS, They were beloved by their family and countless  
27 friends, and although they are deeply missed, their generosity of

1 spirit and their many accomplishments will continue to live in the  
2 hearts and minds of those they left behind; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
4 hereby pay tribute to the lives and shared legacy of Margaret Formby  
5 and Clint Formby; and, be it further

6       RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for  
7 their family as an expression of admiration and tribute from the  
8 Texas Legislature, and that when the Senate and the House of  
9 Representatives adjourn this day, they do so in memory of Margaret  
10 and Clint Formby.