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## 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

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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 service; Mr. Formby served as president of the Deaf Smith County 14 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 Association of Broadcasters; Mrs. Formby worked with the American 17 Cancer Society and the Kings Manor Methodist Home, and she helped to 18 establish the Cowboy Symposium held at Texas Tech University, where 19 20 she served on the board of the National Ranching Heritage Center; she was also the first woman elected to the Texas Tech University 21 22 Rodeo Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Formby enjoyed more than 50 years of marriage and raised five children, Larry, Marshall, Ben, and Scott 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

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spirit and their many accomplishments will continue to live in the

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1 hearts and minds of those they left behind; now, therefore, be it 2

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

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

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