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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life came to an end with the
2 death of Tom Weeks Foster of Arlington on December 17, 2011, at the
3 age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Foster was born in Iredell on August 6, 1920, to
5 Emmett Boyd Foster and Zuellah Weeks Foster; his family moved to
6 Arlington in 1922, and he graduated from Arlington High School and
7 attended North Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College; and

8 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty during World War
9 II, Mr. Foster joined the U.S. Army Air Forces, where he worked as a
10 mechanic on the engines of B-26 Marauder aircraft and then was an
11 instructor on the maintenance and repair of the Pratt & Whitney
12 R-2800 engine; and

13 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Foster returned to Texas and
14 joined his family's wholesale poultry and egg business, and in
15 1970, he started the T. W. Foster Construction company; and

16 WHEREAS, In 1941, Mr. Foster married the former Clevie
17 Winnell Stough, and they shared a fulfilling relationship for
18 nearly 70 years; together they were blessed with 2 children,
19 Rebecca and Tommy, 7 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Foster served his community as a trustee and
21 president of the Arlington school board, and Foster Elementary
22 School was named in honor of him and his sister Maude, who was an
23 Arlington ISD teacher; he attended First United Methodist Church in
24 Arlington for nearly his entire life, and he was active on many of

1 the church's boards and committees; in addition, he represented his
2 profession as president of the Fort Worth chapter of the Associated
3 General Contractors of America; and

4 WHEREAS, A loving husband, father, and grandfather, Tom
5 Foster treasured the time he spent in the company of his family and
6 friends, and those he leaves behind will in turn cherish their
7 memories of this kind and caring man; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Tom Weeks Foster and
10 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
11 wife, Clevie Foster; to his daughter, Rebecca Johnson, and her
12 husband, Dick; to his son, Tommy Foster, and his wife, Karen; to his
13 grandchildren, Jeff Coleman, Brett Coleman, Brian Coleman, Heather
14 Sautter, Abby Foster, T. W. Foster III, and Peyton Thomas; to his
15 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tom Weeks
20 Foster.