

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, S. M. True, Jr., former president of the Texas Farm
2 Bureau, passed away on May 15, 2012, at the age of 88; and

3 WHEREAS, The son of Snoden Maddox and Nettie Belle Stalcup
4 True, S. M. True was born in Goree on July 8, 1923, and raised on a
5 farm; in 1933, his family relocated to the Snyder community near
6 Plainview, and he graduated from Plainview High School before
7 enrolling and attending classes at Texas Tech University; when
8 World War II intervened, he enlisted in the U.S. Navy and served as
9 a carrier-based night fighter pilot; and

10 WHEREAS, Following the war, Mr. True returned to Hale County
11 and began his career as a farmer; active in the Hale County Farm
12 Bureau for a number of years, he went on to serve on the board of
13 directors of the Texas Farm Bureau; he was elected president of TFB
14 in 1982, and in his 11 years in that post, he made an indelible mark
15 on both the organization and on the greater agricultural community;
16 he oversaw the creation of the TFB AGFUND, which has since become a
17 nationally recognized agriculture political action committee;
18 along the way, he earned a reputation as a passionate advocate for
19 Texas farmers and an effective consensus builder; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his work with TFB, this esteemed
21 Texan was appointed to the Governor's Task Force on Immigration and
22 Agricultural Development, the Joint Committee on Farmworker
23 Insurance, and the Texas Family Farm and Ranch Advisory Committee;
24 he served on a multitude of agriculture and farm insurance boards,

1 including that of the American Farm Bureau Federation, which
2 honored him with its Meritorious Service Award; among his numerous
3 other accolades were his induction into the State Fair of Texas
4 Heritage Hall of Honor and his recognition as a Distinguished Texan
5 in Agriculture by the Texas A&M University College of Agriculture
6 and Life Sciences; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. True shared more than six rewarding decades with
8 his wife, the former Anna Jean Roberts, whom he married in 1946; the
9 couple were blessed with a son, David; over the years, Mrs. Roberts
10 frequently accompanied her husband to many Texas Farm Bureau events
11 across the state and beyond; and

12 WHEREAS, During his lifetime, S. M. True contributed
13 immeasurably to Texas agriculture, helping to preserve the
14 livelihood of countless farmers across the state, and his legacy
15 will be a continuing source of inspiration for all who knew him;
16 now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of S. M. True, Jr.,
19 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
20 son, David True, and his wife, Linda; to his grandchildren, Blaine
21 True and Larissa True; to his brother, Riley True, and his wife,
22 Margaret; to his sister, Ona Belle Stephens, and her husband, Bill;
23 to his nephew, Mark True, and his wife, Mary; to Eric Plumlee; to
24 Ahmet and Gonul Yilmaz; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
25 be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of
2 S. M. True, Jr.

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Allen	N. Gonzalez of El Paso	Orr
Alonzo	Gooden	Otto
Alvarado	Guerra	Paddie
Anchia	Guillen	Parker
Anderson	Gutierrez	Patrick
Ashby	Harless	Perez
Aycock	Harper-Brown	Perry
Bell	Hernandez Luna	Phillips
Bohac	Herrero	Pickett
Bonnen of Brazoria	Hilderbran	Pitts
Bonnen of Galveston	Howard	Price
Branch	Huberty	Raney
Burkett	Hughes	Ratliff
Burnam	Hunter	Raymond
Button	Isaac	Reynolds
Callegari	Johnson	Riddle
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Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
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Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 227 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on January 30, 2013.

Chief Clerk of the House