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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of San Angelo lost one of their most  
2 admired business and community leaders with the death of John Stark  
3 Cargile on February 5, 2011, at the age of 85; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Frank and Estelle Cargile, John Cargile  
5 was born on June 4, 1925, and grew up in San Angelo; he served as an  
6 officer in the U.S. Navy during World War II, and after his  
7 discharge from the military, he enrolled at The University of Texas  
8 at Austin; graduating in 1948, he returned to his hometown, where he  
9 embarked on a long and rewarding career in ranching; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Cargile purchased the Producers Livestock  
11 Auction in partnership with his father and sister in 1954; through  
12 hard work, he built the enterprise into one of the largest livestock  
13 auctions in the nation, and today the business still ranks as one of  
14 the country's biggest sellers of cattle, sheep, and goats; along  
15 the way, this esteemed Texan was praised for his conservation  
16 efforts and his pioneering work in brush eradication and earned a  
17 reputation for integrity and fairness; and

18           WHEREAS, Active in the ranching community, Mr. Cargile served  
19 as president of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association and the  
20 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; other groups  
21 benefiting from his expertise included the National Wool Growers  
22 Association, the National Cattlemen's Association, and the Texas  
23 Animal Health Commission; named Man of the Year in Texas  
24 Agriculture by the Texas County Agricultural Agents Association, he

1 also won the National Golden Spur Award as the nation's top rancher  
2 in 1993; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Cargile possessed a deep sense of civic pride,  
4 and through the years he worked with the United Way, the West Texas  
5 Boys Ranch, the San Angelo Board of City Development, and numerous  
6 boards of local bank and insurance companies; known for his  
7 humility and his preference to work quietly behind the scenes, he  
8 was nonetheless recognized as the San Angelo Citizen of the Year in  
9 1972; he was also a valued member of First Presbyterian Church; and

10 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Cargile shared nearly six  
11 decades with his wife, the former Clara Pope Willoughby, and over  
12 the years, they became the proud parents of a son, John, and three  
13 daughters, Ruth, Patricia, and Martha; and

14 WHEREAS, John Cargile lived a life that was rich in personal  
15 and professional achievements, and he leaves behind a legacy that  
16 will forever inspire all who had the good fortune to know him; now,  
17 therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Stark Cargile  
20 and extend sincere condolences to his many loved ones; and, be it  
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Stark  
25 Cargile.