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H.R. No. 673

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Sealy lost one of their most admired  
2 community leaders with the passing of Joe Burttschell on June 3,  
3 2012, at the age of 83; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on February 24, 1929, Joe Burttschell was the  
5 son of Walter Anton and Laura Brune Burttschell; he graduated from  
6 Sealy High School in 1946 and then attended Tarleton State  
7 University before transferring to Texas A&M University, where he  
8 earned his bachelor's degree in 1950; that same year, he married the  
9 love of his life, Alice Vernell Reichardt, with whom he had four  
10 children, Bill, Kathy, Michael, and John; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Burttschell built a 37-year career with  
12 ExxonMobil, beginning as a roustabout at the Katy Humble plant and  
13 retiring as a supervisor of the East Texas Division; while  
14 balancing work and family responsibilities, he participated in the  
15 Sealy Lions Club, the Sealy Cemetery Association Board, and the Cat  
16 Spring Agricultural Society, and he further distinguished himself  
17 through his dedication to the Sealy Little League, which he served  
18 as president; he was committed to improving the community's sports  
19 facilities, and as a member of the Parks and Recreation Board, he  
20 advocated for the creation of a T-ball field that was later named in  
21 his honor; and

22           WHEREAS, Among his other civic contributions were serving as  
23 a trustee for the Sealy Independent School District, as scholarship  
24 chair of the Austin County A&M Club, and as a longtime member of the

1 Sealy Tiger Booster Club, from which he received the "Old Man Award"  
2 for his support of local athletics; and

3 WHEREAS, Following his retirement in 1986, Mr. Burttschell  
4 continued ranching in Sealy and Cat Spring for many years, and he  
5 served as municipal judge for both San Felipe and Sealy; he enjoyed  
6 cheering for the Aggies and the Houston Astros, and he also took  
7 pleasure in golfing, hunting, and spending time with his loved  
8 ones; and

9 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and an engaged citizen, Joe  
10 Burttschell is deeply missed, but the humility, optimism, and  
11 kindness with which he lived his life will forever inspire all who  
12 had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Joe Burttschell and  
15 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
16 Alice Burttschell; to his sons, Bill Burttschell and his wife,  
17 Karen, and John Burttschell; to his daughter, Kathy Gregg, and her  
18 husband, Joe; to his eight grandchildren and eight  
19 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;  
20 and, be it further

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