

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Wade Hampton Choate, Jr., of San Angelo, who died on  
3 January 1, 2012, at the age of 83; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Choate was born in Fort Worth to Wade Hampton  
5 Choate and Jessie Chambers Choate on December 20, 1928; after  
6 leaving school, he worked at the Fort Worth stockyards before  
7 joining the United States Navy at the age of 17; during his  
8 enlistment in the armed forces, he saw duty in the South Pacific;  
9 and

10           WHEREAS, After settling back into civilian life, Wade Choate  
11 married Martha Jean Lisby, and the couple moved to San Angelo to  
12 pursue a life in the cattle business and to start a family; the  
13 Choates became the proud parents of two children, Vic and Guy, and  
14 enjoyed many happy years together; and

15           WHEREAS, In San Angelo, Mr. Choate and John Cargile partnered  
16 on a handshake and ran the Concho Livestock Company together for  
17 more than 40 years; later, Mr. Choate operated the Four L Cattle  
18 Company with his son Vic; this seasoned cattleman developed a fine  
19 ranch on Grape Creek, and he often told his grandchildren that if  
20 they, like him, did a job they loved, they would never have to work a  
21 day in their life; in 1990, at the urging of Elmer Kelton and other  
22 friends, Mr. Choate published *Swappin' Cattle*, a memoir of his  
23 years in the cattle business; and

24           WHEREAS, Held in high regard in the San Angelo community, Mr.

1 Choate was a founding member of College Hills Christian Church and a  
2 staunch supporter of West Texas Boys Ranch; he served as Roundup  
3 chair for the ranch, and he and his wife cohosted the first annual  
4 Boys Ranch Dance; in recognition of his many contributions to the  
5 organization, he was presented a Lifetime Achievement Award by the  
6 Boys Ranch board of directors; Mr. Choate was also affiliated with  
7 the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association and the  
8 National Cattlemen's Beef Association; and

9 WHEREAS, Wade Choate embodied the spirit of a land where hard  
10 work, fair dealing, and a readiness to help others are fundamental  
11 values, and those who were blessed to share in his love and  
12 friendship will forever carry him close in their hearts; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Wade Hampton Choate,  
16 Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
17 his wife, Martha Jean Lisby Choate; to his children, Vic Choate and  
18 his wife, Cathy, and Guy Choate and his wife, Eva; to his  
19 grandchildren, Taylor Choate, Courtney Nagel and her husband, Eric,  
20 Anne Marie Choate, and Michael Choate and his wife, Natalie; to his  
21 great-grandchild, Rewk Nagel; to his sisters, Doris George and  
22 Carlie Wilson; and to his many other friends and relatives; and, be  
23 it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wade  
4 Hampton Choate, Jr.

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Straus	M. Gonzalez of El Paso	Oliveira
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
Canales	Kacal	Ritter
Capriglione	Keffer	Rodriguez of Bexar
Carter	King of Hemphill	Rodriguez of Travis
Clardy	King of Parker	Rose
Coleman	King of Taylor	Sanford
Collier	King of Zavala	Schaefer
Cook	Kleinschmidt	Sheets
Cortez	Klick	Sheffield of Bell
Craddick	Kolkhorst	Sheffield of Coryell
Creighton	Krause	Simmons
Crownover	Kuempel	Simpson
Dale	Larson	Smith
Darby	Laubenberg	Smithee
Davis of Dallas	Lavender	Springer
J. Davis of Harris	Leach	Stephenson
S. Davis of Harris	Lewis	Stickland
Deshotel	Longoria	Strama
Dukes	Lozano	Taylor
Dutton	Lucio III	Thompson of Brazoria
Eiland	Marquez	Thompson of Harris
Elkins	Martinez	Toth
Fallon	Martinez Fischer	Turner of Collin
Farias	McClendon	Turner of Harris
Farney	Menendez	Turner of Tarrant
Farrar	Miles	Villalba
Fletcher	Miller of Comal	Villarreal
Flynn	Miller of Fort Bend	Vo
Frank	Moody	Walle
Frullo	Morrison	White
Geren	Munoz, Jr.	Workman
Giddings	Murphy	Wu
Goldman	Naishtat	Zedler
Gonzales	Nevarez	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 764 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 20, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House