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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

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