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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Louis Pitcock, Jr., of Graham on March
3 22, 2013, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Louis and Medora Shepherd Pitcock, Louis
5 Pitcock, Jr., was born on June 18, 1924, in Fort Worth, and he
6 graduated from Graham High School in 1942; answering his country's
7 call to duty, he worked in intelligence during World War II as a
8 member of the U.S. armed forces in the China-Burma-India theater;
9 he began his college studies at the University of North Texas and
10 then transferred to Southwestern University, where he earned a
11 bachelor's degree in government and history and was a member of Phi
12 Delta Theta fraternity; and

13 WHEREAS, Following his graduation in 1949, he married the
14 former Mary Ellen McFarlane, the daughter of congressman and Texas
15 state legislator W. D. McFarlane, and Mr. and Mrs. Pitcock later
16 became the parents of three children, Ellen, Louis, and Thomas; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Pitcock made his living working with his father
18 and brothers at Pitcock, Inc., a business encompassing oil and gas
19 development and production, ranching, and real estate; highly
20 respected by his professional peers, he was a member of the boards
21 of the West Central Texas Oil and Gas Association, the North Texas
22 Oil and Gas Association, and the Independent Petroleum Association
23 of America, and he belonged to the Texas Alliance of Energy
24 Producers; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Pitcock was dedicated to enhancing the quality
2 of public and higher education throughout his life, and he was
3 appointed by Governor John B. Connally to the board of regents for
4 Midwestern State University, serving from 1968 to 1974 and holding
5 the post of chair for two years; at the local level, he chaired the
6 Graham Community Committee, which focused on postsecondary
7 academic and vocational learning, and he helped draft the ordinance
8 to establish the Board of Higher Education Commission of the City of
9 Graham; his involvement with his alma mater included service with
10 the Southwestern University President's Council and the 50-plus
11 Southwestern Alumni Association; moreover, he was a member of the
12 Phi Delta Theta Century Club, and in 1990 he was named Distinguished
13 Alumnus of the Year by the Texas Gamma Chapter of Phi Delta Theta;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Pitcock also contributed to his community in
16 numerous other ways; active in Rotary International, he held a
17 number of offices in the Rotary Club of Graham, was governor of
18 Rotary District 5790 for 10 years, and led a Rotary Foundation Group
19 Study Exchange Team to India in 1986; this dynamic Texan served on
20 the board of directors of the Graham Chamber of Commerce and as a
21 member of the Graham Planning and Zoning Commission, and he chaired
22 the Graham United Way, the Graham Area Day Care Center, and the
23 Graham Public Library; and

24 WHEREAS, A lifelong man of faith, he was a valued member of
25 the First United Methodist Church of Graham, and he benefited the
26 congregation in many areas of responsibility; in addition, he
27 served his community of faith at the district level, was a delegate

1 to general conferences, and served on the boards of trustees of the
2 Methodist Children's Home in Waco and Aldersgate Enrichment Center
3 in Brownwood; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Pitcock was interested in politics as well; he
5 served on the executive committee of the Young County Democratic
6 Party for three decades, including 12 years as chair, and he was a
7 delegate to a number of state conventions; in his spare time, he
8 loved to travel, and in 2007 he and Mrs. Pitcock had the pleasure of
9 taking a trip around the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Although the passing of Louis Pitcock, Jr., has
11 brought great sorrow to those who knew him, his life stands as an
12 outstanding example of positive civic engagement, and his
13 achievements will be remembered and admired for years to come; now,
14 therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Louis Pitcock, Jr.,
17 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
18 wife, Mary; to his daughter, Ellen Morris, and her husband,
19 Charles; to his sons, Louis Pitcock III and his wife, Meredith, and
20 Thomas Carl Pitcock; to his grandchildren, Mary Heartfield and her
21 husband, Alex, Amanda Wells and her husband, Eric, Justin Pitcock
22 and his wife, Kallie, Dalton Pitcock and his wife, Gabby, and
23 Meredith Ann Pitcock; to his nine great-grandchildren; and to his
24 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

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