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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Clyde R. Butter, Sr., of Odessa on February 24, 2013, at
3 the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Sheldon on September 20, 1930, Mr. Butter
5 was the son of Robert and Ethel Butter; he attended the University
6 of Houston, and a brief position at a local radio station sparked
7 his desire to work in the media; after serving his country in the
8 United States Navy during the Korean War, he embarked on a
9 distinguished career in broadcasting; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Butter became a radio, television, and stage
11 personality, and he launched an innovative service, Capital
12 Broadcast News, in the state capital; his passion for politics led
13 him to run for the state house of representatives, and he was later
14 elected to the office of reading clerk for the house; he went on to
15 interview many elected officials as the owner of radio station KRIL
16 in Odessa, and his stories aired nationally on such CBS news
17 programs as *60 Minutes*; moreover, he wrote four books, among them a
18 professional autobiography entitled *Theater of the Mind: Three*
19 *Quarters of a Century of Radio Across Texas*; and

20 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. Butter maintained his
21 interest in activities he shared with his father as a boy, including
22 building, working with his hands, and spending time outdoors, and
23 he carried on his mother's appreciation for classical literature
24 and the arts; he was devoted to his family and to his cherished

1 pets, and he was a valued member of the Lutheran Church of the Risen
2 Lord; and

3 WHEREAS, Although Clyde Butter will be deeply missed, he will
4 always be remembered with great admiration and affection by those
5 who were privileged to share in the richness of his life; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Clyde R. Butter,
9 Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
10 his wife, Charlene Butter; to his sons, Dr. Donovan Butter and his
11 fiancée, Rita Bell, Michael Butter, Clyde R. Butter, Jr., and his
12 wife, Susie, and Michael Cameron and his wife, Amber; to his
13 grandchildren, Matthew, Haley, Valerie, Andrea, and Natalie
14 Butter, Chris Holman, and Lillian Beatrice Cameron; to his
15 great-grandchildren, Andrew, Aaron, and Ava Butter, Hallie, Jacob,
16 and Caleb Bates, Christopher and Riley Holman, and Lily Huth; to his
17 brothers, Donovan Butter and his wife, Sylvia, and James Robert
18 "Bob" Butter and his wife, Carol Ann; and to his many other
19 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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