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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Charles
2 Otto Schumann of Stonewall, who passed away on March 22, 2013, at
3 the age of 71; and

4 WHEREAS, A fourth-generation Texan, Mr. Schumann was born in
5 Fredericksburg on April 6, 1941, the son of Otto and Esther
6 Schumann; he grew up with an older brother, Calvin, and a younger
7 sister, Karen, in the farming and ranching community of Albert; as a
8 boy, he learned to breed and raise cattle, sheep, goats, hogs, and
9 chickens, and he developed a love of breaking and training horses;
10 he was taught to make his own toys and became a skilled carpenter
11 and craftsman; sustained by a strong faith from an early age, he
12 attended Trinity Lutheran Church, which his grandfather and
13 great-grandfather had helped to found; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Schumann rode his pony to grade school in
15 Albert, and he subsequently went to school in Stonewall and
16 graduated from Fredericksburg High School; while studying at
17 Southwest Texas State University, he worked summers for the Zavala
18 County Soil Conservation Service, and he became a county agent
19 after completing his bachelor's degree in agriculture; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1965, Mr. Schumann married the former Mary Ann
21 Eardley, and over the years, they were blessed with two sons, Scott
22 Charles and William Bret, and three grandsons, Nathan, Justin, and
23 Wesley; Mr. Schumann instilled in his offspring pride in their
24 German heritage and in the land first settled by Mr. Schumann's

1 great-grandfather in the 19th century; and

2 WHEREAS, During the Vietnam War, Mr. Schumann served his
3 country in the United States Army and was stationed at Fort Bliss in
4 El Paso; he was discharged in 1967 and moved to Fredericksburg seven
5 years later to work as the agricultural loan officer for Security
6 State Bank & Trust while also raising cattle and sheep; and

7 WHEREAS, This industrious Texan held a number of
8 administrative positions, including supervisor of grounds for
9 Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, supervisor of maintenance for
10 Fredericksburg ISD, and manager of a Corridor TV transmitting site,
11 which was built on his property in 2000; in addition, he built
12 several houses and other structures as rental properties and real
13 estate investments, and in 2003, he began a horse-breeding
14 business; he was a gifted horseman and found special joy in taking
15 care of the new foals; and

16 WHEREAS, Following in his father's footsteps, Mr. Schumann
17 was long involved with the Gillespie County Fair Association, which
18 he served as a director, and in October 2012, he received an
19 Honorary Lifetime Director Pin for his 16 years of service to the
20 association; moreover, he continued his father's tradition of
21 leadership in the Gillespie County Water Control & Improvement
22 District, and he enjoyed interacting with his neighbors while
23 working diligently in their behalf and striving to protect four
24 area dams; until a month before his passing, he served as the
25 organization's secretary-treasurer; and

26 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community,
27 Charles Schumann made a meaningful difference in the lives of his

1 loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and his contributions will be
2 remembered for years to come; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charles Otto
5 Schumann and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
6 family: to his wife, Mary Ann Schumann; to his two sons, Scott
7 Schumann and his wife, Reina, and Bret Schumann and his wife,
8 Tiffani; to his grandsons, Nathan, Justin, and Wesley Schumann; to
9 his sister, Karen Jenschke; to his stepgranddaughters, Raquel Boeck
10 and Kayla Contreras; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles
15 Schumann.