

By: Miller of Comal

H.R. No. 1848

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Elgin Pape of Gillespie County has greatly benefited
2 his fellow citizens as a business and civic leader; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Pape moved to Gillespie County after retiring
4 from a successful career in the construction business; in 1981, he
5 joined the Gillespie County Farm Bureau, which he currently serves
6 as president of the board, and he previously served three terms on
7 the Gillespie County Farm Service Agency board; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Pape was born in Bexar County in 1926 and grew up
9 on the family farm; demonstrating a strong work ethic and business
10 sense from an early age, he began buying and raising calves and
11 roosters at the age of 10, and at 11, he went to work as a pin setter
12 for the Oak Grove Bowling Alley; later he took a job at the Oak Grove
13 Feed Store; and

14 WHEREAS, After graduating from Alamo Heights High School,
15 Mr. Pape served in the United States Army as a military policeman;
16 during World War II, he was stationed in the Philippines and Japan
17 as a member of the Criminal Investigation Department; and

18 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan returned to farming and raising
19 cattle in 1946, but he enjoyed working on his buildings so much that
20 the following year, he established Pape Construction; over the
21 course of more than 40 years as head of the company, he earned a
22 reputation as one of the best general contractors in the San Antonio
23 area, and the firm still thrives today under the guidance of his
24 son, Doug; Mr. Pape earned his real estate license in 1955, and his

1 numerous business interests also included Oak Grove General Store,
2 Oak Grove Lumber Company, Oak Grove Residential Subdivision, Pape
3 Industrial Park Commercial Subdivision, and part ownership in the
4 Pig Stand restaurant chain; moreover, he served as a director of
5 Alamo Heights Bank, InterFirst Bank, and First Republic Bank; and

6 WHEREAS, Public-spirited members of the business community
7 help to improve the quality of life enjoyed by all area citizens,
8 and Elgin Pape has set an example of civic engagement to which
9 others may aspire; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Elgin Pape for his contributions to
12 Gillespie County and extend to him sincere best wishes for the
13 future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Pape as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.