

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 Willard Kenneth Jordan of Mason on April 28, 2015, at the
3 age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Willard Jordan was born on the family ranch in Mason
5 County on October 27, 1934, to Frank and Ella Jordan; from an early
6 age he learned to appreciate the beauty of the land and the
7 importance of cattle, and throughout his childhood he participated
8 in local and major livestock shows, winning a number of impressive
9 awards; in 1951, the Jordans were named Farm Family of the Year by
10 *Life* magazine; and

11 WHEREAS, After graduating from Mason High School in 1952,
12 Mr. Jordan went on to attend Tarleton State University before
13 returning home to continue his family's ranching legacy; he married
14 his high school sweetheart, Peggy Chew, in 1954, and they became the
15 proud parents of four sons, Donald, Ronald, Ken, and Greg; and

16 WHEREAS, In addition to his activities on the ranch,
17 Mr. Jordan completed a livestock auctioneer course and worked in a
18 number of Hill Country, Central Texas, and West Texas livestock
19 markets for 17 years; in 1971 he was the central region winner of
20 the World Champion Auctioneer contest, and in 1973 he was the
21 runner-up for the title of world champion; for more than four
22 decades he enjoyed further renown in the industry, as the owner and
23 operator first of Junction Stockyards and later of Jordan Cattle
24 Auction in San Saba; and

1 WHEREAS, Although Willard Jordan is deeply missed, memories
2 of his enthusiasm, his work ethic, and his devotion to his loved
3 ones remain to comfort and inspire those he leaves behind; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Willard Kenneth
7 Jordan and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family:
8 to his wife, Peggy Jordan; to his sisters, Ethyl Bym and Lois Koock
9 and her husband, Bill; to his sons, Donald Jordan and his wife,
10 Cheri, Ronald Jordan and his wife, Karen, Ken Jordan and his wife,
11 Kynda, and Greg Jordan; to his grandchildren, Jima Montfort and her
12 husband, Clint, Julie Havelka and her husband, Kris, Brendon Jordan
13 and his wife, Tina, Brandon Jordan and his fiancée, Hollie
14 Driscoll, and Karoline, Kristin, and Katherine Jordan; to his
15 great-grandchildren, Graycie and Cole Montfort, Sydney, Keaton,
16 and Heston Havelka, and Jase Jordan; and to his other relatives and
17 friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Willard
21 Kenneth Jordan.

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H.R. No. 2920

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2920 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 30, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House