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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.