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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 Douglas Gaylon White of Harleton on January 21, 2014, at
3 the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Gaylon White was born on June 30, 1928, to Douglas
5 and Vivian Jones White, and grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana;
6 possessing a keen intellect as well as a gift for music, he served
7 as principal oboist of the Shreveport Symphony Orchestra while
8 attending Centenary College of Louisiana, where he was also a
9 member of the Kappa Alpha Order; and

10 WHEREAS, Following his graduation, Mr. White met Beatrice
11 Coleman, and the couple were joined in matrimony on August 27, 1950;
12 they shared more than six decades of marriage together, and over the
13 years, they were blessed with a treasured family that included
14 three children, David White and his wife, Sarah, Susan White, and
15 Paul White and his wife, Kristie, as well as six grandchildren,
16 Laura, Ray, Henry, Miranda, Talin, and Travis; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. White answered his nation's call to duty by
18 serving as an officer in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, and
19 after returning to civilian life, he began a notable 38-year career
20 at the Texas Eastern Corporation in Houston; widely admired for his
21 expertise in many areas of the petroleum industry, from the
22 pipelining of coal slurry to the development of shale oil, he
23 further distinguished himself as an advisor in development of the
24 U.S. Department of Energy and as a member of the American Petroleum

1 Institute and the Association of Petroleum Economists; and

2 WHEREAS, In retirement, Mr. White moved with his wife to
3 Harleton, where he gave generously of his time and talents in behalf
4 of the community; he served as president of the Harleton Chamber of
5 Commerce, as a member of the board of directors of the Harrison
6 County Historical Museum, and as the county representative of the
7 North East Texas Regional Mobility Authority; moreover, he was
8 active in the local Republican Party and held the positions of
9 precinct chair and board member of the Emergency Service District
10 No. 8 in Harleton; he was also a member of the Rotary Club of
11 Marshall and a valued congregant of First United Methodist Church
12 of Marshall; and

13 WHEREAS, In his leisure hours, Mr. White delighted in
14 spending time with his loved ones, sharing good meals, and
15 traveling; he also enjoyed caring for his two donkeys, Doc and
16 Domino, and his Black Angus cattle; and

17 WHEREAS, Gaylon White built a life that was rich in family,
18 friends, and meaningful accomplishments, and he will forever be fondly
19 remembered by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Douglas Gaylon White
22 and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
25 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gaylon
26 White.