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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of Samuel Alvin White of Quitman on July  
3 30, 2017, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Oscar and Buena White on November 14, 1928,  
5 near the Cana and Myrtle Springs communities, Sam White grew up with  
6 the companionship of his three sisters, Oleta, Lavelle, and Ozella;  
7 after serving his country in Korea and Japan as a member of the U.S.  
8 Army, he returned to Quitman in 1954 to study machining and welding  
9 at Tyler Junior College; he subsequently took a job working in the  
10 oil fields for Caska, later known as Farmland Industries, where he  
11 enjoyed a successful career that spanned three decades; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. White was joined in matrimony to Jimmie Jo  
13 White, and they shared a rewarding marriage that spanned more than  
14 half a century before her passing in 2010; he was the loving father  
15 of two children, Shannon and Sheree, and with the passing years, he  
16 had the great pleasure of welcoming into his family four grandsons,  
17 Michael, Shawn, Brian, and Cody, and nine great-grandchildren,  
18 Brooke, Katelyn, Abbey, Macy, Taylor, Lainey, Samuel, Rylan, and  
19 Rhett; and

20 WHEREAS, Strong in his faith, Mr. White was a valued  
21 congregant of Myrtle Springs Baptist Church; he was known for his  
22 dedication to helping those in need and for the many meals he cooked  
23 for such groups and events as the Quitman and Hainesville Volunteer  
24 Fire Departments, the Golden Sweet Potato Festival, and the Masonic

1 Lodge; in addition, he had a delightful sense of humor and a talent  
2 for storytelling, as well as a passion for horticulture, history,  
3 and old Westerns; and

4 WHEREAS, Sam White possessed a generosity of spirit that  
5 expressed itself in myriad ways, and memories of his boundless  
6 warmth and kindness remain to comfort and inspire those he leaves  
7 behind; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
10 Samuel Alvin White and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives  
11 and many friends; and, be 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 Sam White.