

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Etoile lost an esteemed community leader
2 with the passing of Mervis Lynn Lowery on December 22, 2015, at the
3 age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Etoile, Mervis Lowery was
5 born to E. O. and Agnes Lowery on September 7, 1934; he initially
6 followed in his father's footsteps by taking a position with the
7 Texas Forest Service but later enjoyed a rewarding career at the
8 paper mill in Lufkin; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Mr. Lowery devoted his
10 time to a number of worthy organizations, including the Etoile
11 Water Board and the Nacogdoches Civic Center Board; he also played a
12 key role in establishing the town's medical clinic and volunteer
13 fire department and in helping ensure that area first responders
14 were trained and certified; he proudly served as a volunteer
15 firefighter, and after becoming a hazardous material technician
16 with Southland Response in 2004, he worked at spill sites
17 throughout East Texas with personnel from local fire departments,
18 the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Department of
19 Public Safety; and

20 WHEREAS, For 18 years, Mr. Lowery served on the board of the
21 Nacogdoches County Hospital District, supporting the district's
22 employees and emergency medical services, and he campaigned for the
23 establishment of a helipad on the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital
24 campus, a project that came to fruition in 2016; and

1 WHEREAS, Affectionately known as the "Mayor of Etoile,"
2 Mervis Lowery set an inspiring example of civic engagement, and his
3 invaluable contributions to the Lone Star State will be remembered
4 and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mervis Lynn Lowery and
7 extend sincere condolences to his family and friends; and, be it
8 further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mervis
12 Lowery.

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H.R. No. 309

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 309 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 23, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House