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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of joyful times and meaningful
2 accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends of Joe
3 Allen Melton of Dallas, who passed away on February 3, 2017, at the
4 age of 87; and

5 WHEREAS, Joe Melton was born in Krum on July 18, 1929, the
6 third of 13 children, to Roy and Ruth Melton; an alumnus of
7 Whitesboro High School and the University of North Texas, he
8 answered his nation's call to duty as a member of the U.S. Army in
9 1951; after completing a tour in the Korean War, during which he saw
10 combat at the Battle of Heartbreak Ridge, he served for six years in
11 the reserve before retiring with the rank of corporal in 1958; he
12 went on to enjoy a career with the Texas Department of
13 Transportation, where he worked as a right-of-way agent for 33
14 years until his retirement in 1991; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Melton shared nearly six and a half decades of
16 matrimony with his wife, the former Virginia Gomez; over the years,
17 the couple were blessed with a fine family that grew to include
18 three children, Laura Robles, Philip Melton and his wife, Kelley,
19 and Lydia Crossley and her husband, Ben, as well as five
20 grandchildren, Alicia, Diana, Keli, Olivia, and Nathan, and four
21 great-grandsons, Jacob, Aidan, Carson, and William; and

22 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Melton was a valued
23 congregant of St. Philip the Apostle Catholic Church, which he
24 served as a Eucharistic minister, a member of the finance

1 committee, and a volunteer for the Society of St. Vincent de Paul;
2 in his leisure time, he delighted in sharing his passion for trains
3 with his grandchildren, and he also loved listening to good music
4 and adding new jazz and classical albums to his extensive record
5 collection; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Melton lived a rich and purposeful life centered
7 on his faith, his family, and his community, and he leaves behind a
8 legacy that will continue to inspire all who had the good fortune to
9 know him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Joe Allen Melton and
12 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family and to his
13 friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe Melton.