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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 Madren Boyce Whatley of Midlothian on January 22, 2017,
3 at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, "Buddy" Whatley was born on October 12, 1931, to
5 Willis and Ruby Whatley, and he grew up with the companionship of
6 his twin sister, Joyce; a member of the DeKalb High School Class of
7 1949, he graduated from Tyler Commercial College the following
8 year; while there, he met the love of his life, the former Darline
9 Rawson, and they were married on December 15, 1951; over the course
10 of six and a half decades together, the couple were blessed with
11 four children, Rhonda, Boyce, Jim, and Kyle, and three
12 grandchildren, Jordan, Kelsie, and Hayden; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Whatley enjoyed a long and fulfilling career
14 with General Electric, and after retiring, he went on to establish a
15 marble shop, which he owned and operated until 2006; in his leisure
16 time, he delighted in hunting, fishing, and watching a wide variety
17 of sports; an athlete himself in his younger years, he won the
18 featherweight championship in the Golden Gloves Boxing Tournament
19 in 1953; and

20 WHEREAS, A caring husband and father and a hardworking
21 entrepreneur, Buddy Whatley leaves his loved ones with a wealth of
22 fond memories that they will forever hold close to their hearts;
23 now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas

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1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Madren Boyce Whatley
2 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his many relatives and friends;
3 and, be it further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Buddy
7 Whatley.