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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Thomas
- 2 Arden Powers of Midlothian, who passed away on January 30, 2017, at
- 3 the age of 89; and
- 4 WHEREAS, "Cotton" Powers was born to Tommy and Vennie Powers
- 5 on February 5, 1927, in Duncan, Oklahoma; he served his country as a
- 6 member of the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II; and
- 7 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Powers enjoyed a successful
- 8 career working for Tony Sanders Real Estate; during his more than
- 9 three decades in the business, he helped develop Mount Peak in
- 10 Jordan Run Estates, and he especially enjoyed selling ranch
- 11 properties; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Mr. Powers was the proud father of four children,
- 13 Larry, Cary, Faun, and Rachelle, and he treasured the time he spent
- 14 with his three grandchildren, Blake, Garen, and Fallon, and two
- 15 great-grandchildren, Milo and Jovie; in his leisure time, he loved
- 16 to smoke ribs and create lavish meals for groups both large and
- 17 small; and
- WHEREAS, Although he will be deeply missed, the passage of
- 19 time will never diminish the joy and love that Cotton Powers brought
- 20 into the lives of all who knew him; now, therefore, be it
- 21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
- 22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Arden Powers
- 23 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
- 24 children, Cary and Rachelle Powers and Faun Franklin; to his

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- 1 grandchildren, Blake and Garen Powers and Fallon Franklin; to his
- 2 great-grandchildren, Milo and Jovie Campbell; to his sisters, Doris
- 3 Casey Nash and Laverne Keist; to his former wives, Dartha Roberts
- 4 and Wanda Yeatherman; and to his other relatives and many friends;
- 5 and, be it further
- 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cotton
- 9 Powers.