## R E S OLUTION

WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Thomas Arden Powers of Midlothian, who passed away on January 30, 2017, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, "Cotton" Powers was born to Tommy and Vennie Powers on February 5, 1927, in Duncan, Oklahoma; he served his country as a member of the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II; and

WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Powers enjoyed a successful career working for Tony Sanders Real Estate; during his more than three decades in the business, he helped develop Mount Peak in Jordan Run Estates, and he especially enjoyed selling ranch properties; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Powers was the proud father of four children, Larry, Cary, Faun, and Rachelle, and he treasured the time he spent with his three grandchildren, Blake, Garen, and Fallon, and two great-grandchildren, Milo and Jovie; in his leisure time, he loved to smoke ribs and create lavish meals for groups both large and small; and

WHEREAS, Although he will be deeply missed, the passage of time will never diminish the joy and love that Cotton Powers brought into the lives of all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85 th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Arden Powers and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his children, Cary and Rachelle Powers and Faun Franklin; to his
and, be it further

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

