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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of Charles Murray Oliver Jr. of Waxahachie, who died on  
3 January 27, 2017, at the age of 85; and

4           WHEREAS, Charles Oliver was born in San Saba on January 25,  
5 1932, to Dr. Charles Murray Oliver and Bertha Maureen Taylor  
6 Oliver; he attended Tarleton State University and earned his  
7 bachelor's degree in animal husbandry from Southwest Texas State  
8 Teachers College; answering his nation's call to duty, he served in  
9 the U.S. Air Force; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver enjoyed a long and successful career in  
11 the insurance industry; he was vice president and agency director  
12 for Southern Provident Life Insurance Company and the Dallas agency  
13 manager for American General Life Insurance Company before opening  
14 his own agency, Oliver & Associates; he was also active in the  
15 commercial real estate market, helping to develop the area around  
16 Galleria Dallas; and

17           WHEREAS, In his private life, Mr. Oliver was a popular  
18 teacher and speaker on the subject of Texas history, and he  
19 established a working ranch to preserve the heritage of the West; he  
20 created the Homeplace Horse and Buggy Company to restore and build  
21 authentic horse-drawn vehicles, which were featured for nearly 40  
22 years at the Fort Worth Livestock Show and Rodeo Parade, and in  
23 1986, he served as president and chair of the Texas  
24 Sesquicentennial Wagon Train; a deacon at First Baptist Church of

1 Dallas for 43 years, he combined his love of Western heritage and  
2 his deep religious faith through his work with the Cowboy Church  
3 movement and as the founder of the Chuck Wagon Ministry; he was also  
4 a member of the Sons of the Republic of Texas; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Oliver and his first wife, the late Mary Lou  
6 Luster, were blessed with two daughters, Susan Bradley and  
7 Elizabeth Herritage; in 1994, he married Pamela J. Bowman and he  
8 welcomed into his family her son, Damon Bowman; Mr. Oliver also took  
9 great pride in his six grandchildren, Taylor, Hunter, Hogan,  
10 Addison, Ethan, and Grace, and in his two great-grandchildren,  
11 Oliver and Davison; and

12 WHEREAS, An engaged member of his community and a proud  
13 Texan, Charles Oliver lived a rich and purposeful life, and he will  
14 forever remain a vibrant presence in the hearts of all those who  
15 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charles Murray  
18 Oliver Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his many relatives and  
19 friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles  
23 Murray Oliver Jr.