RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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