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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 J. B. Owen Jr. of Waco, who passed away on March 5,
3 2017, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, J. B. Owen was born in Mathis on November 19, 1928,
5 to Jesse B. Owen Sr. and Sarah Margaret Reed Owen; he shared a
6 loving relationship with his wife, Lillian, for nearly 53 years,
7 and together they raised three children; later in life, the couple
8 were blessed with nine grandchildren; and

9 WHEREAS, After earning a bachelor's degree in business
10 administration from Texas State University, Mr. Owen worked for
11 Texas Farm Bureau Insurance for more than four decades, until his
12 retirement; he was an elder at Highland Baptist Church, and for 35
13 years, he taught Sunday school at several area churches; in
14 addition, he was a member of the Woodway City Council, and he was
15 active with the Rotary Club, Gideons International, and the Waco
16 Girls Club; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Owen lived a rich and purposeful life devoted to
18 his family, his community, and his faith, and memories of his
19 kindness, his optimism, and his wonderful sense of humor remain to
20 comfort and inspire those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of J. B. Owen Jr. and
23 extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
24 Lillian Holley Rector Owen; to his children and their spouses,

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1 Richard and Barbara Rector, Holley and Don Evans, and J. B. Owen III
2 and Sharon Owen; to his grandchildren, Cherie Rector Huey, Joshua
3 Rector, Anya Evans Dixon, Christopher Evans, and Drew, Maddie,
4 Paige, Allison, and Reagan Owen; to his sister, Barbara Sunderman;
5 and to his other relatives and friends; 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 J. B. Owen
9 Jr.