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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 Delbert Walker of Grapeland, who passed away on April
3 24, 2017, at the age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Delbert Walker was born in Delhi, Louisiana, on
5 January 16, 1938, to Henry and Ina Walker; at the age of 17, he left
6 his family's farm and moved to Baytown; it was there that he met
7 JoAnn Wright, whom he married in 1958; the couple shared their lives
8 for nearly six decades, and they were blessed with two children,
9 Keith and Rita; their family later grew to include three
10 grandchildren, T. J. Walker, Melissa Stringer, and Stephanie Ware,
11 and eight great-grandchildren, Colton, Emma, Brasen, Kyle, Jett,
12 Ellie, Wesson, and Hayden; and

13 WHEREAS, Early in his working life, Mr. Walker owned a
14 barbershop in Seabrook, where his clients included John Glenn and
15 many of NASA's early astronauts who were training nearby;
16 subsequently, Mr. Walker owned a successful trucking company and
17 raised cattle on the D-J Ranch in East Texas, and after settling in
18 Grapeland, he purchased the Grapeland Co-Op, which became the
19 Grapeland Farm and Ranch feed store; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Walker was a charter member and fire chief of
21 the fire department in Lomax, and he served on the La Porte city
22 council; in Grapeland, he was an active member of the Lions Club and
23 the chamber of commerce, which named him as Citizen of the Year; he
24 was also a life member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo, a

1 member of Santa Gertrudis Breeders International Herd No. 7964,
2 and a charter member and president of the La Porte Livestock Show
3 and Rodeo; a man of strong religious faith, he attended the Broadway
4 Church of Christ in La Porte and the South Loop Church of Christ in
5 Crockett; and

6 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a dedicated civic leader,
7 Delbert Walker lived a rich and purposeful life, and he will forever
8 be remembered with admiration and affection by all who held him
9 close to their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Delbert Walker and
12 extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many friends; and,
13 be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Delbert
17 Walker.