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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life has drawn to a close with  
2 the passing of Charles Loyd Graham of Normangee on May 6, 2017, at  
3 the age of 74; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on September 19, 1942, Mr. Graham  
5 was the son of George Graham and Mattie Ruth Graham; he served in  
6 the United States Navy from 1960 to 1963, and following his  
7 honorable discharge from the armed forces, he joined the Texas  
8 Department of Public Safety; held in high regard by his colleagues  
9 in the department, he rose through the ranks to become chief of the  
10 Traffic Law Enforcement Division in 2000; an inspiring leader, he  
11 set high standards for his troopers and helped them surpass their  
12 own expectations for achievement; many of those who worked under  
13 him advanced in positions of responsibility; he retired in 2002,  
14 concluding a distinguished career of nearly four decades; and

15 WHEREAS, Charles Graham married Clara Lynette "Penny"  
16 Broderhausen on March 12, 1966, and they shared a rewarding  
17 marriage of nearly 50 years before her passing in 2015; the couple  
18 became the proud parents of two sons, Robert and Scott, and  
19 Mr. Graham knew the joy of welcoming into his family four  
20 grandchildren, John, Katelynn, Haley, and Aubrey; and

21 WHEREAS, Active in his church and his community, this  
22 esteemed Texan maintained dual membership in two Masonic lodges,  
23 Rogers Prairie No. 540 and DeWitt Clinton No. 29; he was always  
24 willing to help others, and he frequently put his abilities as a

1 carpenter and cook at the service of friends and family; from his  
2 earliest years, he loved the outdoors, and he enjoyed fishing,  
3 hunting, and spending time at his farm; and

4 WHEREAS, Charles Graham brought to all his endeavors not only  
5 great skill but also the highest standards and an unfailing  
6 generosity of spirit, and those who were privileged to share in his  
7 love and affection will forever hold him close in their hearts; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charles Loyd Graham  
11 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be  
12 it further

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