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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Ronald  
2 Richard Butts of Lubbock, who passed away on February 28, 2017, at  
3 the age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Edward Butts and Edna Mae Butts, Ron Butts  
5 was born in Conchas, New Mexico, on September 3, 1939; he lived in  
6 many places in his youth, including Las Vegas, Nevada, Honolulu,  
7 Hawaii, and Albuquerque, New Mexico; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Butts completed his bachelor's degree in  
9 pharmacy at the University of New Mexico, and after settling in  
10 Lubbock, he worked at a number of pharmacies, including Gibson's,  
11 Raff and Hall, Eckerd, and Albertson's; in the 1980s, he founded his  
12 own pharmacy, Ron's Medicine Chest, where many customers sought out  
13 his expertise; and

14           WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Butts shared a fulfilling  
15 marriage of 56 years with his wife, Beatrice; he was the proud  
16 father of Kym Michalik, Ken Butts, Debbie Braganza, and Carrie  
17 Ashley, and in later years, he became the grandfather of Jordan,  
18 Joey, and Maddie Michalik, Megan Braganza, and Avery Stangl; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Butts battled Parkinson's disease for two  
20 decades but did not let his illness define him; an avid  
21 photographer, he viewed the world through his camera lens; he  
22 recorded every gathering and preserved images from trips to Las  
23 Vegas, the Grand Canyon, and elsewhere in photo albums and slide  
24 collections; when he wanted a change of scenery, he loved to go

1 fishing in the Colorado mountains, and he traveled to South Bend,  
2 Indiana, in 2001 to watch the University of Notre Dame play the  
3 University of Southern California; a longtime fan of the Fighting  
4 Irish, he was delighted to cheer them on twice at the Cotton Bowl as  
5 well; and

6 WHEREAS, Although Ron Butts is deeply missed by those he left  
7 behind, they will forever treasure their memories of time spent in  
8 his company; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Ronald Richard Butts  
11 and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

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