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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Gus Cargile Jr. of Corpus Christi is celebrating his
2 95th birthday on July 31, 2017, and this occasion provides a welcome
3 opportunity for family and friends to express the love and
4 affection they hold for him; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Corpus Christi in 1922, Gus Cargile opened
6 his own store when he was only 11 and sold snow cones and candy on
7 the weekends; he set up a fireworks stand for the Fourth of July and
8 New Year's as well, and while a student at Corpus Christi High
9 School, he worked for his father at Gus Cargile Lumber Company; and

10 WHEREAS, Following graduation, Mr. Cargile attended Texas
11 A&M University and went on to enlist in the United States Navy in
12 1942; commissioned as a first lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps
13 the following year, he became a pilot and squadron flight
14 instructor, and after World War II, he continued to serve in the
15 Marine Reserve until 1952, attaining the rank of captain; and

16 WHEREAS, In the early part of his career, Mr. Cargile was a
17 pilot for Earl P. Halliburton; he later founded five businesses,
18 Coastal Bend Manufacturing Company, Nueces Pallet Company,
19 Jalapeno Steel Company, Saxet Gun Shows, and Corpus Christi Gold
20 Mine; in addition, after working for Industrial Fabricators and
21 Mill Supply for five years, he bought the shop in 1970 and built it
22 into one of the largest in the area; he passed ownership to the next
23 generation in 1984, but the following year, he opened the
24 Swap-A-Rama flea market, which he continues to run today, while

1 also consulting for Industrial Fabricators and Saxet Gun Shows; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Cargile married the former Ada Gary, and they
3 became the proud parents of seven children, Gary, Laura, Caroline,
4 Mary Claire, Gus, John, and Ada; today, he enjoys spending time with
5 his 12 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren; also an avid
6 traveler, he has visited 70 countries on 6 continents, and his next
7 adventure will be a trip to Thailand; and

8 WHEREAS, Meeting life's challenges with resilience,
9 optimism, and determination, Gus Cargile is an inspiration to many
10 people, and he holds a special place in the hearts of all who are
11 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
13 Legislature hereby congratulate Gus Cargile on his 95th birthday
14 and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and,
15 be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for Mr. Cargile as an expression of high regard by the
18 Texas House of Representatives.