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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of Claudette McInnis Thomas, who passed away on May 13,
3 2017, at the age of 75, and her husband, William John Thomas, who
4 passed away on September 7, 2012, at the age of 82; and

5 WHEREAS, During a rewarding marriage that spanned 45 years,
6 Billy and Claudette Thomas operated a successful cattle ranch north
7 of Raymondville, and they were valued parishioners of Our Lady of
8 Guadalupe Catholic Church; moreover, they shared in the joy of
9 raising two children, Mitch and Tonnyre, and doting on their five
10 grandchildren, Morgan, Lauren, Logan, Royse, and Claudette; and

11 WHEREAS, The former Claudette McInnis was born on May 22,
12 1941, in Brownwood to Claude and Lillie Mae McInnis; a graduate of
13 Texas Tech University, she went on to earn her master's degree in
14 journalism at Kansas State University and soon thereafter met her
15 future husband, Billy; Mrs. Thomas was active in the American
16 International Charolais Association and served for many years on
17 the board of the Willacy County Livestock Show; she also
18 volunteered her time on numerous other boards and committees; and

19 WHEREAS, Born in Brownsville on August 26, 1930, to Maria and
20 Harl Thomas, Billy Thomas attended school in Raymondville and
21 studied at Texas A & I University in Kingsville; active in several
22 agricultural organizations, he served the American International
23 Charolais Association as director and as a member of its executive
24 committee and the Pan American Zebu Association as president, and

1 he was also an enthusiastic supporter of Willacy County Youth in
2 Agriculture; and

3 WHEREAS, Respected members of their community and beloved
4 parents, grandparents, and friends, Billy and Claudette Thomas are
5 deeply missed, and they will always hold a treasured place in the
6 hearts of all those who held them dear; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Claudette McInnis
9 Thomas and William John Thomas and extend sincere sympathy to their
10 loved ones; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for their family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Claudette
14 and Billy Thomas.