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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The cotton industry lost an admired leader with the
2 passing of Bill Lovelady of El Paso on January 29, 2017, at the age
3 of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in El Paso on February 27, 1946, Bill Lovelady
5 was the son of Dan and Louise Lovelady; he grew up in Acala and
6 completed his bachelor's degree in journalism at The University of
7 Texas at El Paso; he began farming cotton in 1973 and practiced
8 cutting-edge conservation methods in his fields in El Paso and
9 Hudspeth Counties; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Lovelady was dedicated to his industry and
11 helped shape the nation's agricultural policy through his
12 leadership in professional organizations; he traveled to many
13 countries promoting American cotton, and he was president of the
14 National Cotton Council at a crucial juncture; over the years, he
15 served the group in numerous capacities, including advisor to the
16 board, member of the Operations Committee, and chair of the
17 Beltwide Cotton Conference Steering Committee; he was also chair of
18 Supima and president of the Texas Association of Cotton Producer
19 Organizations and of the El Paso Valley Cotton Producers
20 Association; among myriad accolades, he received the 2009 Harry S.
21 Baker Distinguished Service Award from the NCC and the 2015
22 Southwest Farm Press High Cotton Award; and

23 WHEREAS, Active in his community as well, Mr. Lovelady was a
24 director for First National Bank and WestStar Bank and gave

1 generously of his time and expertise to a number of other boards; he
2 served First United Methodist Church of Fabens as a lay leader and
3 as president of the administrative board; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Lovelady shared a fulfilling marriage of 47
5 years with the love of his life, Suzie Lovelady, and he was the
6 proud father of a son, Ty, and a daughter, LeAnn; kind, sincere, and
7 thoughtful, with a genial manner and warm smile for all, he enjoyed
8 a host of long friendships, and he was a mainstay of the daily
9 circles at the coffee shops in Fabens and Fort Hancock; and

10 WHEREAS, Although Bill Lovelady is deeply missed by all who
11 were fortunate enough to share in the richness of his life, he will
12 forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bill Lovelady and
15 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill
20 Lovelady.