## SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 377

In Memory of J. Fred Perry

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Brownwood in mourning the loss of J. Fred Perry, who died December 27, 2016, at the age of 86; and

died December 27, 2016, at the age of 86; and WHEREAS, J. Fred Perry was an exemplary civic leader and businessman who played a vital role in the growth and prosperity of his community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry grew up on a farm near Bangs and was a graduate of Bangs High School; he earned a degree from Daniel Baker College and served the nation with distinction in the United States Air Force; and

WHEREAS, He was a cofounder of PF&E Oil Company, which began as a small wholesaler and retailer of petroleum products and grew to become one of the area's leading companies and to operate the successful Food Plaza convenience stores; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Perry was active in a range of civic organizations and received numerous awards for his contributions to the community; a socially private, yet devout Christian who practiced his faith in his daily life, he was a member of Austin Avenue Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and compassion, he gave unselfishly to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by his family and countless friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 85th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of J. Fred Perry; and, be it further

**RESOLVED,** That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of J. Fred Perry.

Buckingham

## President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 6, 2017, by a rising vote.

## Secretary of the Senate