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By:  Capriglione H.C.R. No. 139

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed community leader drew to a close with the passing of Keller City Council member Ed Speakmon on March 3, 2019, at the age of 71; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 24, 1948, Ed Speakmon grew up with two brothers, Ray and Allan; he shared a rewarding relationship with his wife, Candy, and he took great pride in his children, Keely, Darcy, and Derek, and in his grandchildren, Taylor, Caden, and Cole; and

WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Speakmon served as a member of the United States Marine Corps; in civilian life, he worked in the auto repair business before retiring; his deep interest in civic affairs motivated him to become a Republican precinct chair, and in 2016, he was elected to the Keller City Council; during his time in office, he held the post of mayor pro tem, and he ably represented his constituents until the time of his death; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Speakmon was also beloved for the elaborate decorations he created for his home each holiday season; these award-winning displays delighted the community and earned him the nickname "Mr. Christmas"; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a respected public servant, Ed Speakmon will be deeply missed, but he leaves behind a legacy of good humor and hard work that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 86th Legislature of the State of Texas hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ed Speakmon and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Candy Speakmon; to his children, Keely Cerminara and her husband, Lou, Darcy Pridham-Shaw and her husband, David, and Derek Speakmon; to his grandchildren, Taylor, Caden, and Cole; to his brothers, Ray and Allan; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of Ed Speakmon.