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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the passing of Clark Dennis Klein Sr. of Kerrville on February 20, 2018, at the age of 80; and

WHEREAS, Born in Kerrville to Walter and Minnie Leyendecker Klein on January 19, 1938, Clark Klein grew up with the companionship of three sisters, Marilyn, Yolanda, and Barbara; he attended Notre Dame Catholic School and later graduated from Tivy High School in 1956, before enlisting in the United States Army and serving in Germany for three years; after returning home, he spent more than two decades in the Texas National Guard, where he attained the rank of command sergeant major; he remained deeply proud of his military service throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Klein enjoyed a civilian career with the U.S. Postal Service, working as a letter carrier in San Antonio and Austin and retiring in Kerrville as superintendent of postal operations; following his retirement, his passion for cars led him to serve as a driver for local car dealers, and he delighted in taking annual family trips to Europe, especially Germany and Ireland; and

WHEREAS, Guided by a strong and abiding faith, Mr. Klein gave much of his time to the Knights of Columbus; he was a charter member of the Father Kemper Council and served the organization as Grand Knight, District Deputy, and Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree; he was also a longtime parishioner of Notre Dame Catholic Church and a volunteer for the Notre Dame rectory, and he served selflessly as a communion minister to the ill and homebound; moreover, he was a member of the Ingram school board as well as a graduate of the Kerrville Citizen Police Academy; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Klein was blessed with the love and support of his wife of 55 years, Karen Klein; he was the devoted father of three children, Clark, Kevin, and Christine, and he experienced the joy of welcoming into his family four grandsons, Joseph, Gabe, Samuel, and Jacob, and a great-grandson, Cole; and

WHEREAS, While the passing of Clark Klein brings great sorrow to his loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Clark Dennis Klein Sr. and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Clark Dennis Klein Sr.