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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the passing of Henry Dalton Birdwell Sr. of Bryson on March 15, 2019, at the age of 90; and

WHEREAS, The son of Elvis and Alline Helvey Birdwell, Henry Birdwell was born on April 12, 1928, in Wichita Falls and grew up with a brother, James; and

WHEREAS, A lifelong rancher and a keen businessman, Mr. Birdwell had worked in partnership with his son for the past 25 years; earlier in his life, he was employed with the Texas Department of Transportation for 36 years and with Mitchell Energy for 10 years, until retirement; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Birdwell enjoyed the love and support of his wife, Mildred Smith Birdwell, and they shared a rewarding marriage that spanned nearly six decades; a devoted father, he always made time to attend the school activities of his son, Henry D. Birdwell Jr.; in his later years, he treasured his special relationship as "Pops" to his grandson, Henry "Dalton" Birdwell III; he possessed a strong sense of right and wrong and a deep religious faith, and he was an active member of the Bryson Church of Christ; and

WHEREAS, Although Henry Birdwell will be deeply missed, he has left his family and friends with a wealth of memories that they will forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Henry Dalton Birdwell Sr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family 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 Henry Dalton Birdwell Sr.