

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 505

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Springtown lost a highly regarded public
2 servant with the passing of Mayor Tommy Wayne Clayton on July 11,
3 2018, at the age of 56; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Clayton was born in Amarillo on July 23, 1961, to
5 Clarence and Brigitte Clayton; after serving in the U.S. Air Force,
6 he was honorably discharged in 1981 for injuries received in the
7 line of duty; he earned a bachelor's degree in political science
8 from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas, where he worked with the
9 Nevada Republican Party, and he went on to earn a master's degree in
10 public administration and urban development from The University of
11 Texas; during that time, he also devoted himself to caring for his
12 son, Thomas, whom he raised as a single parent; and

13 WHEREAS, A resident of Springtown since 1999, Mr. Clayton
14 served on the city council for three terms, and he was a member of
15 the Planning and Zoning Commission, the Sign Ordinance Committee,
16 the Impact Fee Advisory Board, and the Mayor's Task Force on
17 Communications; in 2015, he was elected mayor, and local voters
18 later returned him to office for a second term; and

19 WHEREAS, Among his many achievements as mayor, Mr. Clayton
20 helped bring high-speed internet service to the city, improved
21 access to ambulance services, and oversaw the development and
22 construction of the Lake Street bridge; moreover, he led the effort
23 to have Springtown Tabernacle recognized as a state historic site
24 and played a vital role in the building of the Springtown Monument

1 Welcome Sign; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Clayton further benefited his community as a
3 member of the Springtown Area Chamber of Commerce, the Springtown
4 Optimist Club, and the Springtown Church of Christ; he also served
5 as secretary and treasurer of the Springtown Farmers' Market and
6 belonged to the Texas Municipal League Legislative Council; during
7 the holidays, he played Santa Claus at the Springtown Christmas on
8 the Square; and

9 WHEREAS, Tom Clayton led a rich and purposeful life, and
10 though he was taken much too soon, he leaves behind a record of
11 civic engagement that will continue to inspire all those who knew
12 and loved him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Tommy Wayne Clayton
15 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family and to
16 his friends; and, be it 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 Tommy Wayne
20 Clayton.