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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Vernon lost an admired civic leader
2 with the passing of Curtis Albert Graf on June 12, 2017, at the age
3 of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Vernon on August 21, 1936, Curtis Graf was
5 the son of Albert and Olga Graf; he played semipro baseball as a
6 student at Tyler Junior College, and his athletic ability earned
7 him football scholarships at Valparaiso University and Texas
8 Lutheran College; in addition, he attended Texas State University,
9 and he served in the United States Air Force Reserve; on November
10 25, 1961, he married the former Wyona Jean Chiles; they became the
11 parents of three treasured children, Phillip, Rene, and Melanie,
12 and the proud grandparents of Lance, Kelsey, Rebecca, Brice, and
13 Carson; and

14 WHEREAS, A farmer, rancher, and businessman, Mr. Graf was an
15 owner and partner in the Quanah Livestock Auction and in the Erath
16 County Perpetual Care Cemetery; he served on the boards of numerous
17 professional and civic organizations, among them the Wilbarger
18 County Farm Bureau, Santa Rosa Palomino Club, Wilbarger County
19 Young Farmers, Old Trail Drivers Association of Texas, Rotary Club,
20 and Vernon Chamber of Commerce; in addition, he served the
21 Wilbarger County 4-H in many capacities, and he was a charter member
22 of the Santa Rosa Roundup board; a regent of Vernon College for 18
23 years, he further served on the fund committee of the Vernon
24 Research and Extension Center; among a host of accolades, he was

1 named Vernon Chamber of Commerce Outstanding Rural Citizen and
2 Vernon College Friend of the College, and in 2012, he was selected
3 as Grand Marshal of the Santa Rosa Roundup Parade; and

4 WHEREAS, Curtis Graf gave freely of his time and expertise to
5 better his community, and he leaves behind a record of service that
6 his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Curtis Albert Graf and
9 extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and many friends; and, be
10 it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Curtis
14 Albert Graf.