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H.R. No. 892

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived remain to comfort the
2 family and friends of Robert Mansel Merriman of Amarillo, who
3 passed away on February 10, 2019, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Amarillo on December 24, 1930, to Jess and
5 Ruth Merriman, Bob Merriman grew up with the companionship of two
6 older siblings, Francis and Bill; after graduating from Amarillo
7 High School, he attended Amarillo College and Texas Tech
8 University, and he served his country for four years as a member of
9 the United States Air Force during the Korean War; he married the
10 love of his life, the former Carolyn Sue Allston, in 1952, and the
11 couple were blessed with three children, Michael, Kim, and Todd, as
12 well as five grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1955, Mr. Merriman joined the family business,
14 Merriman's Fine Foods in Amarillo, and following in his father's
15 footsteps, he went on to become the company's owner; he moved the
16 store to Wolflin Square, where its popularity grew among area
17 residents, and he always emphasized to his employees the importance
18 of treating their customers well; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Merriman's devout faith eventually inspired him
20 to close the business to pursue a full-time career in the ministry;
21 he was ordained into the Evangelical Presbyterian Church and
22 subsequently served in various capacities with different
23 fellowships; he and his wife lived for a time in Estes Park,
24 Colorado, where he owned a bookstore, continued his ministry, and

1 spent his free time hunting, fishing, and taking in the sight of the
2 mountains; in the mid-1980s, the Merrimans returned to Amarillo,
3 and Mr. Merriman managed the High Plains Food Bank warehouse until
4 his retirement; above all other things in life, he cherished his
5 family and always prioritized their safety and needs; and

6 WHEREAS, A caring husband, father, and grandfather and a man
7 of abiding faith, Bob Merriman will be deeply missed, and he will
8 forever be remembered with deep affection by all who held him close
9 to their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Mansel
12 Merriman and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
13 to his wife, Sue Merriman; to his children, Michael Merriman and his
14 wife, Terri, Kim Clark and her husband, Dave, and Todd Merriman and
15 his wife, Lori; to his grandchildren, Anna Henderson, Michael
16 Merriman Jr., Kristin Hendrix, Braden Clark, and Casey Clark; to
17 his seven great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and
18 friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bob
22 Merriman.