

By: Price

H.R. No. 110

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of an admired lawyer, rancher, and  
2 philanthropist came to a close with the death of Joseph Harold Pool  
3 of Amarillo on June 29, 2021, at the age of 87; and

4           WHEREAS, Joe Pool was born in Dallas on May 6, 1934, to Harold  
5 Oscar Pool and Elizabeth Sneed Pool Robinett; as a child, he moved  
6 with his family to Amarillo, and he graduated from Amarillo High  
7 School in 1952; he went on to study economics at Stanford  
8 University, and after earning his law degree from The University of  
9 Texas at Austin, he returned to Amarillo to begin his law practice  
10 and to serve as trustee of the estate of his grandfather, Joseph  
11 Tyre Sneed Jr., who began ranching in the Panhandle in 1906 and  
12 served as president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers  
13 Association in 1938; and

14           WHEREAS, Deeply committed to promoting the arts and education  
15 across the Panhandle area, Mr. Pool gave generously to a host of  
16 causes; he was integral to the development of Ascension Academy,  
17 and many other organizations and institutions also benefited from  
18 his involvement, including the Globe-News Center Performance Hall,  
19 Amarillo Botanical Gardens, Amarillo College, Amarillo Little  
20 Theatre, Amarillo Museum of Art, Amarillo Opera, Boy Scouts of  
21 America Golden Spread Council, First Christian Church, Lone Star  
22 Ballet, Panhandle-Plains Historical Museum, St. Hyacinth Church,  
23 Texas Panhandle Heritage Foundation, and West Texas A&M University;  
24 and

1           WHEREAS, A man of many interests, Mr. Pool held a deep  
2 passion for history and artifacts; he loved to visit places of  
3 historical significance, and one highlight of his travels was  
4 planting a Texas flag at the North Pole; in addition, he was a  
5 natural at roping cattle and especially enjoyed riding on horseback  
6 throughout the Sneed Ranch in search of Native American relics and  
7 cavalry memorabilia; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Pool and his first wife, Marilyn Myers, were  
9 blessed with three children, Pam, Tory, and Marci; he later married  
10 the former Arlene Veneras Gall, with whom he shared his life for  
11 more than 35 years until her passing on June 4, 2019; through the  
12 years, Mr. Pool had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to  
13 include six grandchildren, Michelle, Lacey, Rey, Christina,  
14 Tanner, and Stanton, and six great-grandchildren, Aiden, Brandon,  
15 Lucio, Roman, Troy, and Maddox; and

16           WHEREAS, Admired for his dry wit, big heart, and humble  
17 spirit, Joe Pool leaves behind a legacy that will long be treasured  
18 by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
20 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
21 Joseph Harold Pool and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of  
22 his family: to his children, Pam Stevens and her husband, Scott,  
23 Tory Freeman and her husband, John, and Marci Hand; to his  
24 grandchildren, Michelle Ott, Lacey Cruz, Rey Jordan, Christina  
25 Vallon, Tanner Pena, and Stanton Hand; to his great-grandchildren,  
26 Aiden, Brandon, Lucio, Roman, Troy, and Maddox; and to his other  
27 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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1           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joseph  
4 Harold Pool.