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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of a legendary University of Texas football
2 player drew to a close with the passing of Bobby Lee Lackey of
3 Weslaco on September 2, 2021, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Bobby Lackey was born on October 14, 1937, to
5 Charles and Rosie Lackey; he grew up in Weslaco, where he was an
6 all-state signal caller for the high school football team, leading
7 the Panthers to the state semifinals in 1955; he was also all-state
8 in basketball and excelled on the baseball diamond as well; and

9 WHEREAS, Continuing his gridiron career at The University of
10 Texas at Austin, Mr. Lackey started at quarterback under head coach
11 Darrell Royal; in 1958, he was the hero in a dramatic 15-14 victory
12 over the University of Oklahoma, throwing the tying touchdown pass,
13 kicking the go-ahead extra point, and sealing the outcome with an
14 interception on the Sooners' final drive that snapped their
15 six-game winning streak over UT; still in uniform after the game, he
16 was photographed with his wife, the former Judy McManus, and the
17 image later graced the cover of *Sports Illustrated*; the following
18 season, he sparked UT to a share of the Southwest Conference crown;
19 and

20 WHEREAS, In 1960, Mr. Lackey signed with the Pittsburgh
21 Steelers, though he ultimately opted not to play professionally; he
22 returned home to South Texas, where he and Mrs. Lackey began
23 raising their family; he embarked on a business career, working for
24 his father-in-law at the J. S. McManus Produce Company, which he

1 eventually owned and operated; he also presided over the Texas
2 Fruit and Vegetable Association, held a longtime seat on the
3 Freeport-McMoRan board, and opened the Lackey-Fisher Chevrolet
4 dealership with his brother Joe; he retired in 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, A prominent figure in the community, Mr. Lackey
6 served on the Weslaco City Council and the Weslaco Independent
7 School District board, which named its gymnasium and football
8 stadium in his honor; he was recognized as the Man of the Year in
9 Weslaco, and he was inducted into the Texas Athletics Hall of Honor,
10 the Rio Grande Valley Sports Hall of Fame, and the Texas High School
11 Football Hall of Fame; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Lackey shared a rewarding marriage
13 that spanned 63 years until her death in 2020; Mr. Lackey took great
14 pride in his children, John, Lissa, and Mindy, and in his
15 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Bobby Lackey distinguished himself as a gifted
17 athlete, an accomplished business and civic leader, and a devoted
18 family man, and his achievements will be admired for many years to
19 come; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
22 of Bobby Lee Lackey and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn
23 his passing; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bobby
27 Lackey.