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SENATE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends of Bob L. Herd of Tyler, who passed away on December 13, 2019, at the age of 91; and

WHEREAS, The son of Marion and Mary Frances Herd, Bob Herd was born on December 9, 1928, and grew up in Dallas and Scyene with four brothers, John, Marvin, Buddy, and David; he graduated from Mesquite High School in 1946 and he joined the U.S. Air Force, earning the rank of staff sergeant; following his military service, he graduated from Texas Tech University with a petroleum engineering degree; and

WHEREAS, In 1959, Mr. Herd married the former Pat Noe, and the couple shared a rewarding union that spanned more than a half century until her death in 2011; he took great pride in their children, Rod, Jeff, Greg, Kelli, and the late Staci Herd, and he cherished time spent with their seven grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Herd enjoyed a rewarding career in the oil and gas industry; in 1965, he moved his family to Tyler, where he launched Herd Producing Company, Inc., and eventually operated hundreds of oil and gas wells across Louisiana and Texas; in honor of his many achievements, he received the Society of Petroleum Engineers Pioneer Award and the Texas Tech

Distinguished Alumni and Distinguished Engineer Awards; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to philanthropic causes, Mr. and Mrs. Herd together established the Bob L. Herd Foundation, which awards college scholarships and which made possible the Herd Worship Center at Marvin United Methodist Church, the Pat Herd Women's Center at CHRISTUS Trinity Mother Frances Hospital-Tyler, and the Herd Family Intensive Care Center at UT Health East Texas; in recognition of his exceptional support of his alma mater, Texas Tech named the Bob L. Herd Department of Petroleum Engineering in his honor in 2008; and

WHEREAS, Admired for his generous nature, quick wit, and joyous zest for life, Bob Herd brightened the world for all who were fortunate enough to know him, and they will forever hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 87th Texas Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bob L. Herd and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bob Herd.