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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their memories of Billy Roy Haynes of Livingston, who died on March 13, 2021, at the age of 94; and

WHEREAS, B. R. Haynes was born in Livingston to Newman and Lillian Haynes on October 2, 1926, and grew up with two siblings, Newman and Francis; after graduating from Livingston High School in 1943, he briefly attended Texas A&M University before serving with the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II, helping to deliver war matériel to England, Italy, and Russia; and

WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Haynes worked as a golf pro and then joined his family's business, the Haynes Manufacturing Company; he began as a salesman, pitching the company's products throughout the eastern and central United States, and eventually became head of the company; after retiring in 1987 and passing the business along to his sons, he enjoyed traveling to national parks with his wife; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes served with the Livingston Volunteer Fire Department for 17 years, including 14 years as chief, and he played an important role in the department's modernization; he also served as president of the Texas State Firefighters' and Fire Marshals' Association; in addition, he was a 32nd-degree Mason with Trinity Lodge No. 14 and a director emeritus of First State Bank of Livingston, and he was named Polk Countian of the Year; a lifelong member of First United Methodist Church, he served on its building committee when the church moved to its current location; and

WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Haynes enjoyed the love and support of his wife, the former Fayelene Kersh, with whom he shared 70 years; the couple were blessed with six children, Joe, John, David, Jerry Don, Jimmy, and Janice, and they later welcomed into their family 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, B. R. Haynes lived a rich and purposeful life, and he leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Billy Roy Haynes and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Fayelene Haynes; to his sons, Joe Haynes and his wife, Nancy, John Haynes and his wife, Londa, and David Haynes and his wife, Lisa; to his daughter-in-law, Debbie Haynes; to his grandchildren, Judy, Sarah, April, Matthew, Lauren, Joseph, Andrew, Zachary, Ethan, Austin, Kelsey, Ryan, Brooke, Kyle, Blake, Jacob, and Lilly; to his great-grandchildren, Dustin, Riley, Carley, Jack, Luke, Mason, Wyatt, Katie, Campbell, Wilder, Aden, Allie, Madison, Braxton, Graham, Carter Kate, and Ian; to his sister, Francis McAlister; and to his other 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 House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of B. R. Haynes.