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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, The life of an accomplished journalist and community leader drew to a close with the passing of Sam Fore Keach of Robstown on April 24, 2020, at the age of 75; and

WHEREAS, The former editor of the *Robstown Record*, Sam Keach carried on the proud newspaper tradition forged by earlier members of his family, including his father, Carroll Keach, who worked for and was a close personal friend of Lyndon B. Johnson; in recognition of the family's 80 years in journalism, Nueces County Public Libraries named its Robstown branch the Keach Family Library; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keach worked as a printer's devil and photographer at the Robstown paper beginning at the age of 12, and he went on to earn a degree in journalism from The University of Texas at Austin, where he wrote for the *Daily Texan*; after serving as managing editor of the *Edinburg Daily Review*, he rejoined the staff of the *Record* in 1967; and

WHEREAS, During his distinguished career, Mr. Keach led the South Texas Press Association as president and further contributed to the organization as its historian; moreover, he served on the boards of the Nueces County Hospital District, the Robstown Area Historical Museum, and other institutions; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Keach grew up with the companionship of a brother, William, and he went on to enjoy 57 years of marriage to Vicki Jackson Keach; their family grew to include three children, Kim, Sam Jr., and Darrell, along with seven grandchildren and three great-grandsons; Mr. Keach volunteered as a scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop No. 184, where his sons earned Eagle Scout badges, and he was honored with the Silver Beaver Award; and

WHEREAS, Sam Keach was a devoted family man, a caring citizen, and a leader in his profession and community, and he will forever be remembered with great admiration and affection by those he has left behind; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sam Fore Keach 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 House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sam Fore Keach.