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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the passing of Ronnie S. Jones of San Angelo on December 5, 2019, at the age of 77; and

WHEREAS, Born on July 6, 1942, in Mexia, Ronnie Jones was the son of Ann and Elwood Jones; he grew up in Snyder with the companionship of four siblings, Larry, Norman, Dolly, and Gary; after playing baseball for Odessa College on full scholarship, he was signed to play professionally for the Houston Astros organization; and

WHEREAS, In August 1971, he was accepted into the 26th Game Warden Training Academy at the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department; upon his graduation in 1972, he was stationed in Vernon, where he served for seven years as a state game warden; he then took a job as game warden at the W. T. Waggoner Ranch, one of the largest privately owned ranches in the country; in his free time, Mr. Jones enjoyed outdoor activities, such as baseball, golf, hunting, and fishing, especially with his friends and family; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Jones wed Patricia Stanley in Odessa in 1964; the couple were blessed with three children, Cheri, Bobby, and Steve, and their family later grew to include six grandchildren; after his marriage ended, Mr. Jones was fortunate enough to find love again with his beloved companion of 15 years, Joyce Joy; and

WHEREAS, Although Ronnie Jones is greatly missed, he left his family and friends with a wealth of memories that they will forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ronnie S. Jones and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his companion, Joyce Joy; to his children, Cheri Roberts, Bobby Jones, and Steve Jones; to his grandchildren, Craig Roberts, Stephanie Roberts, and Ryan, Lauren, Sydni Rae, and Reid Jones; to his siblings, Dolly Echols and Gary Meredith; 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 Ronnie Jones.