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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their memories of Charles Robert Oelkers of Pleasanton, who died on October 8, 2020, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, The son of Bruno and Frankie Oelkers, Chuck Oelkers was born on March 20, 1934, in San Antonio; he learned the value of hard work at an early age working in his grandparents' grocery store, and after graduating from Jefferson High School, he went on to a varied career, serving as a U.S. Marine, a state trooper, a police chief, and a food salesman for the Red & White grocery store; after his parents passed away, he took over the Oelkers Ranch full time; and

WHEREAS, Over the course of his life, Mr. Oelkers won two awards at quick draw tournaments, and in 1962, he was recognized for outstanding service in law enforcement by the Terrell Hills Police Department; in 1973, he took first place in a pool tournament in Waco; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Oelkers married the former Aileene Ehninger in 1970, and they shared a loving union that spanned half a century; he was a devoted father to his children, Cindy, Robert, and the late Billy Oelkers, and to his stepchildren, Diana, Richard, Eric, Robert, David, and the late Charlie Ehninger and Sharon Ehninger; with the passing years, his family grew to include 7 grandchildren, 13 step-grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 12 step-great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, Chuck Oelkers lived life to the fullest with dignity and honor, and he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charles Robert Oelkers and extend heartfelt 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 Chuck Oelkers.