

By: Cyrier

H.C.R. No. 99

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an admired veterinarian and  
2 dedicated public servant with the death of Robert Otto Dittmar II of  
3 Kerrville on August 8, 2020, at the age of 64; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Fredericksburg on October 18, 1955, to Irene  
5 Hopf Dittmar and Robert O. Dittmar I, Bob Dittmar grew up in Harper  
6 as a fifth-generation rancher; his dedication to livestock and  
7 wildlife prompted him to attend Texas A&M University, where he  
8 completed both his bachelor's and veterinary degrees; on August 18,  
9 1979, he married his childhood sweetheart, Bernadine, and they  
10 became the parents of a son, Robert "Trey," and a daughter, Whitney;  
11 he was later blessed with four grandchildren, Hayden, Paige,  
12 Kimber, and Levi; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Dittmar practiced in Weslaco and Hondo before  
14 buying the Kerrville Veterinary Clinic in 1982; deeply committed to  
15 the health of animals large and small, he stood ready to care for  
16 them at any hour; in 2014, he was hired as the first state wildlife  
17 veterinarian of the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and he  
18 worked tirelessly with landowners, hunters, biologists, and others  
19 to advance natural resource conservation; he was an expert on  
20 chronic wasting disease in deer, and he was passionate about the  
21 relocation of Texas bighorn sheep and pronghorn; over the years, he  
22 generously shared his knowledge as director of the Texas Wildlife  
23 Association, as a member of TPWD committees, and as a volunteer  
24 instructor for the South Texas Buckskin Brigade, Learning Across

1 New Dimensions in Science, and other groups; in his local  
2 community, Dr. Dittmar was instrumental in the development of the  
3 Doss and Harper Wildlife Management Associations and served as  
4 president and director; for many years, he was president of the Hill  
5 Country District Junior Livestock Show Association, and he was  
6 director of the Texas Farm Bureau in Kerr County; he was a member of  
7 the church council at Zion Lutheran Church as well; and

8       WHEREAS, Bob Dittmar made a lasting, positive impact through  
9 his exceptional contributions to the Texas Parks and Wildlife  
10 Department, and his devotion to his family, his community, and his  
11 calling will remain a source of inspiration to all who were  
12 fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

13       RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas  
14 hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Otto Dittmar II and extend  
15 sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

16       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
19 Robert Otto Dittmar II.