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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Gary Gene Charles Johnston of Bandera on December 15,  
3 2020, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Magnus and Louise Johnston, Gary Johnston  
5 was born on August 10, 1940, in San Antonio; he grew up on his  
6 family's ranch in Bandera with the companionship of his sister,  
7 Kathy, and his brother, William; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnston enjoyed a rewarding career with the  
9 Texas Department of Transportation that spanned three decades;  
10 after his retirement from TxDOT, he worked for another 30 years as a  
11 real estate broker and operated his own firm in Bandera; as a  
12 rancher, he helped to ensure that the Johnston Family Farm was added  
13 to the Texas Family Land Heritage Registry; along the way, he  
14 attended San Antonio College and earned two degrees, the first in  
15 business and the second in real estate management; and

16 WHEREAS, Highly engaged in his community, Mr. Johnston  
17 contributed his time and talents to numerous organizations,  
18 including the Bandera County Chamber of Commerce and the Bandera  
19 ISD Education Foundation, and he was active with the Bandera County  
20 Republican party; moreover, he was a lifelong congregant of  
21 St. Stanislaus Catholic Church in Bandera; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnston benefited from the love and support of  
23 his wife, Claire Beecroft Johnston, who preceded him in death, and  
24 of Patricia Jeane Vawter Johnston Renton, with whom he raised three

1 children, Jordan, Daria, and Marcus; through the years, he had the  
2 pleasure of seeing his family grow to include six grandchildren and  
3 four great-grandchildren; in his leisure time, he enjoyed reading  
4 and traveling with his close friend, Angelika Inzanti; and

5 WHEREAS, While the passing of Gary Johnston brings  
6 immeasurable sorrow to his loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy  
7 that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gary Gene Charles  
11 Johnston and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family  
12 and to his many friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gary Gene  
16 Charles Johnston.