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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 Billy Frank Platt Sr. of Jasper on August 4, 2020, at the  
3 age of 90; and

4           WHEREAS, Born to Earnest Newton and Loyce Beatrice Platt on  
5 May 29, 1930, Billy Platt grew up in Livingston and attended  
6 Livingston High School; he went on to graduate from the Texas Game  
7 Warden Training Academy at Texas A&M University and subsequently  
8 embarked on a rewarding 24-year career as a game warden; retiring  
9 with the rank of captain, he remained in the workforce, serving as  
10 an investigator and hunting lease manager for the Kirby Lumber  
11 Company and Louisiana-Pacific; and

12           WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Platt received a number of  
13 accolades in recognition of his accomplishments, including an  
14 Outstanding Community Service award from the Kiwanis Club of Jasper  
15 and an Outstanding Officer award from the Southeastern Association  
16 of Game and Fish Commissioners; moreover, he was interviewed for  
17 the Texas Legacy Project and featured in *The Backwoodsman* magazine;  
18 and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Platt and his wife, Betty Jean, shared a  
20 rewarding marriage that spanned 67 years until her death in 2019,  
21 and together they raised two children, Bill and Janetta; with the  
22 passing years, Mr. Platt had the pleasure of seeing his family grow  
23 to include four grandchildren, Jonas, Jeremy, Katie, and Jamie, as  
24 well as four great-grandchildren, Koby, Bo, Jaxon, and Kamden; and

1           WHEREAS, A man of faith, Mr. Platt attended Beech Grove  
2 Baptist Church; in his leisure hours, he delighted in the time he  
3 spent outdoors hunting and fishing; and

4           WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Billy Platt  
5 will remember the way he touched their lives with his warmth,  
6 kindness, and wisdom, and he will forever hold a treasured place in  
7 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

8           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Billy Frank Platt  
10 Sr. and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing;  
11 and, be it further

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