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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Charles Larry Wingert, former  
2 publisher of the *Monitor* newspaper of McAllen, on January 16, 2021,  
3 at the age of 83, has brought a profound loss to his loved ones and  
4 to the community that he generously served; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Waterloo, Iowa, in 1937, Larry Wingert was  
6 the son of Tom and Thelma Wingert and grew up with a brother,  
7 Darryl; he moved with his family to McAllen in his youth, and after  
8 graduating from McAllen High School, he attended Pan American  
9 College and Sul Ross State University; he first began his career in  
10 the newspaper industry as a paperboy in 1953, and as he learned the  
11 business over the years, he found employment with the *Monitor*, the  
12 *Valley Morning Star*, and the *Brownsville Herald*, as well as with  
13 publications in Pampa and Odessa and cities in Ohio and New Mexico;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Wingert worked in the Rio Grande Valley for more  
16 than four decades and served as publisher of McAllen's the *Monitor*  
17 from 1977 to 1994; he was beloved by his employees, whom he always  
18 treated with the utmost respect and appreciation, and his calm,  
19 friendly management style helped the staff navigate the many  
20 changes that occurred at the paper during his 17-year tenure; under  
21 his leadership, the publication enjoyed one of the most successful  
22 eras of its history; Mr. Wingert believed in the value of print news  
23 not only as a vital source of information, but also as a force for  
24 good in the community, and he was known to donate ad space to

1 charities and to utilize the paper in other ways to promote harmony  
2 and unity among neighbors; and

3 WHEREAS, A dedicated volunteer and a supporter of numerous  
4 local organizations and causes, Mr. Wingert was involved with the  
5 McAllen Chamber of Commerce, the Jaycees, the Elks, Easter Seals,  
6 the Rotary Club, and both the Boy and Girl Scouts; moreover, he was  
7 a devout Catholic who attended mass daily, and he also found time to  
8 visit hospice patients and to deliver meals to homebound seniors;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Wingert shared nearly 65 years of marriage with  
11 the love of his life, the former Margaret Alice Johnson; he was the  
12 devoted father of three children, Stephan, Ashley, and Stephanie,  
13 and he was proud to see his son follow in his footsteps to become the  
14 *Monitor's* current publisher; his cherished family further included  
15 three grandchildren, Kathryn, Jackson, and Amber; and

16 WHEREAS, Larry Wingert will be remembered with great  
17 admiration for his professional achievements and for the myriad  
18 ways he gave of himself to benefit others, and he will be deeply  
19 missed by all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charles Larry Wingert  
22 and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and friends; and, be it  
23 further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles  
27 Larry Wingert.