RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the 2 death of Roy Joe Grogan of Weatherford on March 30, 2020, at the age

3 of 93; and

WHEREAS, Roy Joe Grogan was born in Weatherford to Blanche and Clarence Grogan on October 4, 1926, and he grew up with a brother, Douglas; after graduating from Weatherford High School in 1943, he attended Weatherford College and North Texas Agricultural College, interrupting his education to serve with the U.S. Navy in Hawaii; returning to civilian life, he completed his studies at

10 Weatherford College and earned his law degree at Duke University in

11 1950; and

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12 WHEREAS, Subsequently recruited by the FBI, Mr. Grogan was personally commissioned as a special agent by J. Edgar Hoover and 13 14 worked for the bureau in Los Angeles, San Francisco, and Oakland, California, for several years before returning to Weatherford; he 15 16 enjoyed a long and diverse career in his hometown as a lawyer, a real estate developer, and the owner and operator of several 17 manufacturing companies, including Antelope Oil Tool; he also 18 served for a time as the district attorney of Parker County; and 19

lay leader in the Methodist Church for more than four decades, holding many local and national leadership positions; he was also a 33rd Degree Mason, and he served as president of the United Way and

WHEREAS, A man of strong religious faith, Mr. Grogan was a

24 the Lions Club and as chair of the March of Dimes, the Parker and

- 1 Palo Pinto District of the Boy Scouts of America, and the Parker
- 2 County Crime Commission; as head of Civic Development, Inc., he
- 3 oversaw the establishment of the Doss Heritage and Cultural Center;
- 4 he was named Weatherford's Citizen of the Year in 1992, and he
- 5 received the Paragon Medallion from Weatherford College in 1995 and
- 6 the Carlos Hartnett Award in 2000; and
- 7 WHEREAS, Mr. Grogan married Jeanne Meredith in 1951, and the
- 8 couple were devoted to one another for 69 years, until his passing;
- 9 he was the proud father of three children, Georganne, Jeaneane, and
- 10 Jay, and he was delighted to welcome into his family eight
- 11 grandchildren, Tyler, Garrett, Meredith, Blas, Bryan, Reed, Trent,
- 12 and William, and seven great-grandchildren, Wyatt, Brock, Truly,
- 13 Tipper, Boone, Blas, and Riley; an energetic man with a restless
- 14 spirit, he loved taking his children on vacations to Europe in the
- 15 1960s and 1970s, and he treated each of his grandchildren to a trip
- 16 anywhere in the world on their 12th birthday; after retirement, he
- 17 and his wife traveled the globe for months at a time, visiting Asia,
- 18 Africa, South America, and China; and
- 19 WHEREAS, A loving family man and a proud son of Weatherford,
- 20 Roy Joe Grogan possessed a generosity of spirit that expressed
- 21 itself in myriad ways, and he enriched the lives of countless people
- 22 with his warmth and kindness; now, therefore, be it
- 23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Roy Joe Grogan and
- 25 extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and friends; and, be it
- 26 further
- 27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

- 1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roy Joe
- 3 Grogan.

King of Parker

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 103 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 10, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House