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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of Richard L. Ball of Mineral Wells, who passed away on February 16,  
4 2021, at the age of 81; and

5           WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Palo Pinto County, Richard  
6 Ball was born in Gordon on November 6, 1939, to Ira and Alma Ball; he  
7 grew up with four siblings, Ailene, Bill, Jerry, and Jim, and  
8 graduated from Gordon High School; in 1959, at the age of 19, he  
9 began working as a route driver helper for Wes-Tex Vending, and he  
10 rose through the ranks of the company to become general manager in  
11 1965; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Ball married the former Connie Leeper on  
13 September 26, 1980, and the couple shared a rewarding union that  
14 spanned four decades; taking on more responsibility with Wes-Tex  
15 Vending, Mr. Ball was named president in 1984, and he and his wife  
16 purchased the company in 1988, enjoying great success; he served as  
17 the owner of Wes-Tex until 2016; he also founded Twin City Coffee  
18 Service in Bryan-College Station, and he formed a partnership to  
19 buy the Parker Plaza Shopping Center in Weatherford; in 2001,  
20 Mr. and Mrs. Ball became the property's sole owners; and

21           WHEREAS, Widely respected in his community, Mr. Ball was  
22 president of the Mineral Wells Industrial Foundation and the Palo  
23 Pinto Area Foundation of the Palo Pinto General Hospital at the time  
24 of his passing; appointed by Governors Rick Perry and Greg Abbott,

1 he served two terms as a Brazos River Authority board director; he  
2 was a former president of the Mineral Wells Area Chamber of Commerce  
3 and Visitors Bureau, which presented him with a lifetime  
4 achievement award, and he was honored as the *Mineral Wells Index* Man  
5 of the Year; moreover, he presided over the Texas Merchandise  
6 Vending Association board and received the TMVA Icon Award; and

7 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Ball cherished time spent with  
8 his loved ones; he was the devoted father of four children, Tonja,  
9 Terri, Tim, and LeAnn, and he took great pride in his grandchildren  
10 and his great-grandchildren; a man of faith, he was a valued  
11 congregant of Southside Church of Christ; and

12 WHEREAS, While the death of Richard L. Ball brings great  
13 sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that  
14 will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now,  
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard L. Ball and  
18 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it  
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard  
23 Ball.