

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.R. No. 259

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Residents of Kaufman lost an esteemed civic leader  
2 and friend to many with the passing of Guinn Ferrell Godwin Sr. on  
3 June 21, 2020, at the age of 96; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of W. E. and Olga Godwin, Guinn Godwin was  
5 born in Kemp on March 31, 1924, and grew up with a brother, R. B.,  
6 and a sister, Bernadine; he graduated from Stubbs Community School  
7 and served his country in the U.S. Army during World War II; in  
8 1951, he embarked on a remarkable career with American National  
9 Bank that would span nearly 70 years; kind and friendly, he knew his  
10 customers by name, and he served as an advisory member of the board  
11 until his death; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Godwin married the former Charlie Jack Miller on  
13 July 26, 1946, and they became the parents of a son, Guinn "Skip"  
14 Godwin Jr., and a daughter, Gail; through the years, their  
15 cherished family grew to include four grandchildren, Courtney,  
16 Garrett, Ferrell, and Jack, and three great-grandchildren, Ila,  
17 Nora, and Guinn "Trey" Godwin III; Mr. Godwin was devoted to his  
18 loved ones, and he was a wonderful friend to many, offering wise  
19 counsel, witty conversation, and steadfast loyalty; in his free  
20 time, he gardened and ran cattle; and

21           WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Mr. Godwin served on the  
22 school board, and he was a founding member of the Kaufman County  
23 Veterans Memorial Park committee and a sheriff's deputy for both  
24 Kaufman and Dallas Counties; he was active with the Kaufman County

1 Livestock Show, and in the 1980s, he led the initiative to bring a  
2 Trinity Valley Community College campus to Terrell; in addition, he  
3 was instrumental in the move of the historic P. G. Bacon building  
4 and assisted in the development of the park at its new location; he  
5 was a Mason for 65 years, and he was also a Shriner and a member of  
6 the American Legion; for more than seven decades, he was a valued  
7 congregant of the First Presbyterian Church of Kaufman; and

8       WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of  
9 one person's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark  
10 on the world as they move through it, and Guinn Godwin's  
11 contributions to his community will long resonate in the lives of  
12 all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

13       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Guinn Ferrell  
15 Godwin Sr. and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be  
16 it further

17       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Guinn  
20 Ferrell Godwin Sr.