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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Billy Roy Haynes of Livingston, who died on March 13,
3 2021, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, B. R. Haynes was born in Livingston to Newman and
5 Lillian Haynes on October 2, 1926, and grew up with two siblings,
6 Newman and Francis; after graduating from Livingston High School in
7 1943, he briefly attended Texas A&M University before serving with
8 the U.S. Merchant Marine during World War II, helping to deliver war
9 matériel to England, Italy, and Russia; and

10 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Haynes worked as a
11 golf pro and then joined his family's business, the Haynes
12 Manufacturing Company; he began as a salesman, pitching the
13 company's products throughout the eastern and central United
14 States, and eventually became head of the company; after retiring
15 in 1987 and passing the business along to his sons, he enjoyed
16 traveling to national parks with his wife; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Haynes served with the Livingston Volunteer
18 Fire Department for 17 years, including 14 years as chief, and he
19 played an important role in the department's modernization; he also
20 served as president of the Texas State Firefighters' and Fire
21 Marshals' Association; in addition, he was a 32nd-degree Mason with
22 Trinity Lodge No. 14 and a director emeritus of First State Bank of
23 Livingston, and he was named Polk Countian of the Year; a lifelong
24 member of First United Methodist Church, he served on its building

1 committee when the church moved to its current location; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Haynes enjoyed the love
3 and support of his wife, the former Fayelene Kersh, with whom he
4 shared 70 years; the couple were blessed with six children, Joe,
5 John, David, Jerry Don, Jimmy, and Janice, and they later welcomed
6 into their family 17 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, B. R. Haynes lived a rich and purposeful life, and he
8 leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can remember
9 with pride; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Billy Roy Haynes and
12 extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
13 Fayelene Haynes; to his sons, Joe Haynes and his wife, Nancy, John
14 Haynes and his wife, Londa, and David Haynes and his wife, Lisa; to
15 his daughter-in-law, Debbie Haynes; to his grandchildren, Judy,
16 Sarah, April, Matthew, Lauren, Joseph, Andrew, Zachary, Ethan,
17 Austin, Kelsey, Ryan, Brooke, Kyle, Blake, Jacob, and Lilly; to his
18 great-grandchildren, Dustin, Riley, Carley, Jack, Luke, Mason,
19 Wyatt, Katie, Campbell, Wilder, Aden, Allie, Madison, Braxton,
20 Graham, Carter Kate, and Ian; to his sister, Francis McAlister; and
21 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of B. R.
25 Haynes.