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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Amarillo lost an esteemed journalist
2 and community member with the passing of Bill P. Knox on March 10,
3 2021, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of W. H. and Lorene Knox, Bill Knox was born
5 in Hereford on December 28, 1938, and grew up with two older
6 siblings, Reuben and Alma; he first worked in the newspaper
7 business as a student, gaining valuable experience at the *Hereford*
8 *Brand*; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1960, Mr. Knox embarked on a career with the
10 *Amarillo Globe-News* that spanned more than four decades; an
11 award-winning headline writer and page designer, he served in a
12 variety of capacities, including assistant news editor of the
13 afternoon *Globe-Times*, Sunday editor of the *News-Globe*, and
14 eventually news editor of all editions; demonstrating consummate
15 professionalism and a steady-handed approach, he earned a
16 reputation as a tough but fair mentor who challenged young
17 reporters and editors to perform at the highest levels;
18 furthermore, he excelled at meeting deadlines and providing a
19 balanced approach to the news; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his newspaper work, Mr. Knox penned
21 magazine articles about the history of the Panhandle, cofounded and
22 wrote for *Southwest Heritage*, and published a history of the Knox
23 family; after his retirement in 2001, he continued to give back to
24 his community by volunteering as a greeter for the *Texas outdoor*

1 musical at Palo Duro Canyon State Park, serving as a school crossing
2 guard, and compiling information about local church services for
3 the newspaper each week; and

4 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Knox enjoyed the love and
5 support of his wife of 60 years, Joan, and he took great pride in his
6 son, Paul, his daughter, Melinda, and his four grandchildren;
7 actively involved in his children's lives, he encouraged their
8 success in music, sports, and academics, and he helped them to
9 achieve college degrees; this devoted family man delighted in
10 taking pictures of his loved ones and creating precious mementos
11 with the photographs; throughout his life, he was sustained by a
12 deep and abiding faith, and he was active with his church; and

13 WHEREAS, Bill Knox left an indelible mark on the Amarillo
14 community through his professional and civic contributions, and
15 those who were fortunate enough to know him will always remember him
16 with affection and admiration; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bill P. Knox and
19 extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his
20 wife, Joan Knox; to his son, Paul Wayne Knox, and his
21 daughter-in-law, Christine; to his daughter, Melinda Gayle Knox von
22 Rosenberg, and his son-in-law, David; to his grandchildren,
23 Allyson, Michael, Christopher, and Stephanie; to his nieces and
24 nephews; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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