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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an accomplished journalist and community
2 leader drew to a close with the passing of Sam Fore Keach of
3 Robstown on April 24, 2020, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, The former editor of the *Robstown Record*, Sam Keach
5 carried on the proud newspaper tradition forged by earlier members
6 of his family, including his father, Carroll Keach, who worked for
7 and was a close personal friend of Lyndon B. Johnson; in recognition
8 of the family's 80 years in journalism, Nueces County Public
9 Libraries named its Robstown branch the Keach Family Library; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Keach worked as a printer's devil and
11 photographer at the Robstown paper beginning at the age of 12, and
12 he went on to earn a degree in journalism from The University of
13 Texas at Austin, where he wrote for the *Daily Texan*; after serving
14 as managing editor of the *Edinburg Daily Review*, he rejoined the
15 staff of the *Record* in 1967; and

16 WHEREAS, During his distinguished career, Mr. Keach led the
17 South Texas Press Association as president and further contributed
18 to the organization as its historian; moreover, he served on the
19 boards of the Nueces County Hospital District, the Robstown Area
20 Historical Museum, and other institutions; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Keach grew up with the companionship of a
22 brother, William, and he went on to enjoy 57 years of marriage to
23 Vicki Jackson Keach; their family grew to include three children,
24 Kim, Sam Jr., and Darrell, along with seven grandchildren and three

1 great-grandsons; Mr. Keach volunteered as a scoutmaster for Boy
2 Scout Troop No. 184, where his sons earned Eagle Scout badges, and
3 he was honored with the Silver Beaver Award; and

4 WHEREAS, Sam Keach was a devoted family man, a caring
5 citizen, and a leader in his profession and community, and he will
6 forever be remembered with great admiration and affection by those
7 he has left behind; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Sam Fore Keach and
10 extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and friends; and, be it
11 further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sam Fore
15 Keach.