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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, A life dedicated to the service of others drew to a
- 2 close with the death of Robert Earl Stout of Dalhart on October 16,
- 3 2020, at the age of 71; and
- WHEREAS, Robert Stout was born on December 15, 1948, to Roy
- 5 and Marjory Stout, and he grew up in Dalhart with his sister, Eula,
- 6 and graduated from Dalhart High School in 1967; in 1970, he was
- 7 joined in matrimony to Rena McElwee, and they shared a rewarding
- 8 union that spanned 50 years; he was the proud father of four
- 9 children, Logan, Troy, Sabrena, and Luke, and he was further
- 10 blessed with five grandchildren, Blaide, Slater, Lyric, Madelyn,
- 11 and Mallory; and
- 12 WHEREAS, After earning a degree in sacred literature from
- 13 Ozark Christian College and working for a time as a minister,
- 14 Mr. Stout embarked on a distinguished career in law enforcement,
- 15 beginning with his tenure as a police officer in Joplin, Missouri,
- 16 from 1973 until 1981; that year, he returned to his hometown and
- 17 joined the Dalhart Police Department, where he served for more than
- 18 three decades until retiring at the rank of captain in 2013; in his
- 19 honor, the City of Dalhart retired Badge No. 222, and in 2014, he
- 20 was named Citizen of the Year by the chamber of commerce; from 2013
- 21 to 2016, he was employed with the Texas Department of Criminal
- 22 Justice Dalhart Unit; and
- 23 WHEREAS, Mr. Stout was a lifelong member of First Christian
- 24 Church in Dalhart, and since 1986, he had worked at Horizon Funeral

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- 1 Home, sharing his faith with grieving families; he also volunteered
- 2 to serve communion at Coon Memorial Nursing Home, and he played the
- 3 part of Santa Claus during the Christmas season for many years; and
- WHEREAS, Robert Stout lived a rich and purposeful life, and
- 5 he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all those
- 6 who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it
- 7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
- 8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert Earl Stout
- 9 and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and many friends; and,
- 10 be it further
- 11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert
- 14 Stout.