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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Hereford lost an esteemed community
2 leader with the death of former mayor Robert Douglas Josserand on
3 November 2, 2020, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Josserand was born in Pratt, Kansas, on June 24,
5 1931, to Robert and Helen Josserand, and he grew up with a brother,
6 Jimmy; he shared his life with his wife, Nancy, for 66 years, and he
7 was the proud father of four children, John, Barry, Joan, and Doug;
8 he was later blessed with eight grandchildren, Dana, Clint, Holly,
9 Haley, Lauren, James, Andee, and Jacob, and six
10 great-grandchildren; and

11 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Josserand
12 served with the U.S. Air Force in California during the Korean War,
13 and after his military service, he earned a bachelor's degree in
14 animal science from Colorado State University in 1953; he worked as
15 a county agent and a bank officer in Colorado and served on the
16 Colorado State Highway Commission before moving to Kansas to
17 develop farming and cattle feeding operations; in 1971, he moved to
18 Hereford, Texas, as regional manager for Farr Better Feeds, and
19 from 1973 to 1983, he was president of Procor Cattle Company, which
20 later became AZL Resources; he bought the company's cattle division
21 in 1983 and established what is now the AzTx Cattle Company; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Josserand was a member of many industry
23 organizations and a former president of the Texas Cattle Feeders
24 Association and the National Cattlemen's Beef Association, and he

1 was appointed to the Texas Agriculture Task Force in 1988; his
2 numerous honors include induction into the International
3 Stockmen's Educational Foundation Hall of Fame and the Cattle
4 Feeders Hall of Fame and receipt of the Man of the Year in Service to
5 Southwest Agriculture award from *Progressive Farmer* magazine and
6 the National Golden Spur Award from the Ranching Heritage
7 Association; and

8 WHEREAS, A pillar of his community, Mr. Josserand served as
9 mayor of Hereford from 1993 to 2015, and he also served on the Llano
10 Estacado Regional Water Planning Group from 1998 to 2015, as well as
11 a three-year term on the board of the Panhandle-Plains Historical
12 Museum; he and his wife received the museum's Pioneer Spirit Award,
13 and he was also presented with the Summit Award from the arts
14 committee of the Amarillo Chamber of Commerce; in 1994, he was named
15 the Hereford Citizen of the Year; and

16 WHEREAS, A loving husband and father, a successful
17 entrepreneur, and a dynamic civic leader, Bob Josserand lived a
18 rich and purposeful life, and he leaves behind a record of service
19 that his loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert Douglas
22 Josserand and extend heartfelt sympathy to his family and friends;
23 and, be it further

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