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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of admired inventor, entrepreneur, and  
2 beef industry pioneer William Cline Pratt on October 21, 2020, at  
3 the age of 77, brought a great loss to his family and friends; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Kenneth and Virginia Pratt, Bill Pratt  
5 was born in San Antonio on November 5, 1942, and he grew up on a  
6 ranch in Pawhuska, Oklahoma, with two siblings, Hal and Kathleen;  
7 he married the love of his life, the former Linda Brooks, and they  
8 became the proud parents of three sons, Bryan, who died in September  
9 2020, and Fred and Glen; and

10           WHEREAS, After earning his bachelor's degree in animal  
11 science from Oklahoma State University, Mr. Pratt served in the  
12 U.S. Army National Guard for seven years; he invented and patented a  
13 revolutionary system for measuring and delivering micro feed  
14 ingredients to cattle, and in 1971, he and his wife founded Micro  
15 Chemical Incorporated in Amarillo; the company expanded into  
16 ranching, packing, retailing, and other areas, and it became Micro  
17 Beef Technologies in 1999; by 2011, Mr. Pratt held nearly 90  
18 patents in the U.S. and abroad, and his company had well over 200  
19 employees and more than \$230 million in annual revenue; and

20           WHEREAS, With a remarkable work ethic, Mr. Pratt also founded  
21 Amarillo Steel Fabricators, Panther Lake Ranch, Bluestem Ford,  
22 Pawhuska Dozer and Field Service, Latigo Oil Company, and Bill's  
23 Backyard Classics; he always credited his wife's assistance for his  
24 success, and he was a wonderful mentor to numerous aspiring

1 inventors and entrepreneurs; over the years, he expressed his faith  
2 quietly through countless acts of kindness, and his patriotism  
3 shone through his support for military and veterans organizations;  
4 his modest demeanor belied an adventurous streak, and he flew solo  
5 north of the Arctic Circle and won the majority of his races in the  
6 Sports Car Club of America's Formula Atlantic series; and

7 WHEREAS, Although Bill Pratt is deeply missed by those he  
8 left behind, they will forever treasure their memories of his  
9 compassion, generosity, and endless zest for learning; now,  
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William Cline Pratt  
13 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
14 wife, Linda Pratt; to his sons, Fred Pratt and his wife, Linda, and  
15 Glen Pratt and his wife, Natalia; to his sister, Kathleen Jackson;  
16 to his seven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and to his  
17 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William  
21 Cline Pratt.