

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Joseph R. Paton of Freer, who passed away on January 19, 2021, at
3 the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Lockiel and Roberta Paton, Joe Paton was
5 born on October 31, 1930, in Mexia and grew up with two brothers, J.
6 D. and Roger; he attended Texas A&I University and received a
7 bachelor's degree in business administration; and

8 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Paton was a
9 first lieutenant in the U.S. Army, and he served in New Mexico and
10 France, earning a National Defense Service Medal; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the course of his civilian career, Mr. Paton
12 worked as a senior production foreman for Conoco, and he also
13 ranched for most of his life; a valued member of his community, he
14 was a 32nd Degree Mason; and

15 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Paton enjoyed the love and
16 support of his wife, Corene "Coco" Paton, with whom he shared 67
17 years; he took great pride in their sons, Joseph, Vance, Kurt, and
18 Grant, and with the passing years, he had the pleasure of seeing his
19 family grow to include eight grandchildren, Blake, Victoria,
20 Alexandria, Sarita, Selina, Heather, Jennifer, and Lisa, and three
21 great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Known for his devotion to his family as well as for
23 his adventurous spirit and mischievous sense of humor, Joe Paton
24 lived a full and generous life, and he will forever hold a special

1 place in the hearts of those he has left behind; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Joseph R. Paton and
5 extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it
6 further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe Paton.

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H.R. No. 2043

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2043 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 31, 2021.

Chief Clerk of the House