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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Charles Robert Oelkers of Pleasanton, who died on
3 October 8, 2020, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Bruno and Frankie Oelkers, Chuck Oelkers
5 was born on March 20, 1934, in San Antonio; he learned the value of
6 hard work at an early age working in his grandparents' grocery
7 store, and after graduating from Jefferson High School, he went on
8 to a varied career, serving as a U.S. Marine, a state trooper, a
9 police chief, and a food salesman for the Red & White grocery store;
10 after his parents passed away, he took over the Oelkers Ranch full
11 time; and

12 WHEREAS, Over the course of his life, Mr. Oelkers won two
13 awards at quick draw tournaments, and in 1962, he was recognized for
14 outstanding service in law enforcement by the Terrell Hills Police
15 Department; in 1973, he took first place in a pool tournament in
16 Waco; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Oelkers married the former Aileene Ehninger in
18 1970, and they shared a loving union that spanned half a century; he
19 was a devoted father to his children, Cindy, Robert, and the late
20 Billy Oelkers, and to his stepchildren, Diana, Richard, Eric,
21 Robert, David, and the late Charlie Ehninger and Sharon Ehninger;
22 with the passing years, his family grew to include 7 grandchildren,
23 13 step-grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and 12
24 step-great-grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, Chuck Oelkers lived life to the fullest with dignity
2 and honor, and he leaves behind a legacy that will continue to
3 inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charles Robert
6 Oelkers and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and friends;
7 and, be it further

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