

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
3 a close with the passing of the Honorable Arthur L. Fort of Longview
4 on February 19, 2021, at the age of 84; and

5 WHEREAS, A third-generation Texan, Arthur Fort was born in
6 San Antonio on August 24, 1936, to Foster and Jean Fort; he moved
7 with his family to Longview in 1938, and he grew up with five
8 siblings, Foster, Lee, Gene, Mary, and Sandra; during his youth, he
9 learned the value of hard work and service to others by taking on a
10 job carrying water to city crews that were laying the water line in
11 front of St. Anthony Catholic Church; he graduated from Longview
12 High School in 1956; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1958, Mr. Fort joined the Longview Police
14 Department, embarking on a long and fulfilling career in public
15 service; he went on to secure employment with Alcoa in Marshall and
16 then returned to law enforcement as a sheriff's deputy before being
17 elected justice of the peace for Gregg County Precinct 2 in 1996; he
18 demonstrated exceptional dedication to his responsibilities over
19 the course of his 18-year tenure, which ended with his retirement in
20 2014; and

21 WHEREAS, Judge Fort shared a rewarding marriage with his
22 wife, Sue Cumbie Fort, that spanned nearly half a century until her
23 death in 2006, and he was the devoted father of two sons, Billy and
24 Lyle; engaged with his community, he was an active member of the

1 Knights of Pythias of Texas and the Longview Jaycees, and on Sundays
2 he could be found welcoming congregants at the First Baptist
3 Church, which he had faithfully attended since childhood; and

4 WHEREAS, While the passing of Judge Arthur Fort brings great
5 sadness to his loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy that will long
6 be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 87th Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Arthur L. Fort and extend
9 heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
13 Judge Arthur Fort.

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 25 was adopted by the Senate on April 19, 2021, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 25 was adopted by the House on April 30, 2021, by a rising vote.

Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

Date

Governor