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S.C.R. No. 25

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

1 he could be found welcoming congregants at the First Baptist
2 Church, which he had faithfully attended since childhood; and

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

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

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