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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, All who shared in the life of William Murphey Black
2 Sr. of Ozona were deeply saddened by his passing on August 7, 2023,
3 at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Charles Sewell Black Jr. and Mary Jane
5 Murphey Black, Bill Black was born in Big Lake on April 22, 1940,
6 and he grew up on his family's ranch with the companionship of his
7 sister, Judy; he graduated from Ozona High School in 1958 and
8 attended Texas Christian University, where he enrolled in the ranch
9 management program; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Black married Susie Chandler on March 31, 1961,
11 and the couple shared a fulfilling union that spanned 62 years; they
12 became the proud parents of two children, Will and Sue Ellen, who
13 preceded her father in death, and their family eventually grew to
14 include five grandchildren, Murphey, Allie, Weslee, Wendy, and
15 Whitney, and four great-grandchildren, Brit, Bodie, Maddie, and
16 Maysen; and

17 WHEREAS, A lifelong rancher, Mr. Black worked livestock in
18 Crockett, Pecos, Terrell, and Val Verde Counties, and for several
19 years, he bought and sold sheep and goats from ranchers in the area
20 and sent them all over the United States; in addition to ranching,
21 he owned and operated Ozona Storage and Encino RV Park with his
22 wife; and

23 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Black served as
24 Crockett County commissioner for six years, and he gave generously

1 of his time and talents to the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers
2 Association, the American Sheep Industry Association, and the Texas
3 and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association; he was one of the
4 original directors of the Crockett National Bank and a valued
5 member of Ozona United Methodist Church; known for his tremendous
6 work ethic and wonderful sense of humor, he enjoyed sharing stories
7 and good conversation with friends, loved ones, and strangers
8 alike, and in his younger years, he took pleasure in hunting,
9 fishing, and team roping; and

10 WHEREAS, Although Bill Black is greatly missed, he has left
11 his family and friends with a wealth of memories that they will
12 forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
15 William Murphey Black Sr. and extend sincere condolences to all who
16 mourn his passing; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill Black.