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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of E. F. Whitus of Georgetown on June 22,  
3 2023, at the age of 84; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Ernest Whitus and Grace Ferguson Whitus,  
5 "Bo" Whitus was born in Golden on February 1, 1939, and he grew up  
6 with the companionship of a sister, Anita; during his youth, he  
7 earned the rank of Eagle Scout and the Explorer Silver Award with  
8 the Boy Scouts of America, and he graduated with honors from Mineola  
9 High School; he went on to obtain an associate's degree and his real  
10 estate license from Tyler Junior College and to receive a  
11 bachelor's degree in business from The University of Texas at  
12 Austin; and

13           WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Whitus  
14 served in the United States Navy for more than two and a half  
15 decades, including six years in the reserve, and he retired at the  
16 rank of commander; along the way, he attended the Naval  
17 Postgraduate School for computer science, and after returning to  
18 civilian life, he earned a master's degree from The University of  
19 Texas at Tyler and a doctoral degree from Texas A&M  
20 University-Commerce; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Whitus enjoyed a rewarding career as an adjunct  
22 professor at TAMUC, and he co-owned the H&R Block franchise in  
23 Mineola until his second retirement in 2013; actively engaged in  
24 his community, he was a member of the Mineola City Council and the

1 Mineola Independent School District Board of Trustees and an  
2 enthusiastic advocate for the Mineola Nature Preserve; he was also  
3 a former mayor of Mineola; among his many achievements, he received  
4 two Paul Harris fellowships for his service to the local Rotary Club  
5 as well as a Silver Beaver award for his contributions to the Boy  
6 Scouts; and

7         WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Whitus benefited from the  
8 love and support of his wife, Marysue, and he took great pride in  
9 his daughters, Cara and Jennifer, and his grandchildren, Jackson  
10 and Charlotte; and

11         WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his community, and  
12 his country, Bo Whitus earned the lasting respect and admiration of  
13 all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

14         RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd  
15 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of E. F. "Bo"  
16 Whitus and extend heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it  
17 further

18         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
20 day, it do so in memory of Bo Whitus.