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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of J. Saunders Freels Jr. of Denison, who passed away on
3 July 19, 2023, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Saunders and Margaret Freels, "Sandy"
5 Freels was born on February 8, 1943, in Sherman and grew up with the
6 companionship of a brother, John; he graduated from Denison High
7 School in 1961 and went on to receive an undergraduate degree from
8 Howard Payne University before earning his juris doctor degree from
9 St. Mary's University School of Law in 1969; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Freels began his legal career with the Grayson
11 County Attorney's Office, working there for three years before
12 entering private practice; in 1978, he was appointed to County
13 Court at Law No. 2 to fill an unexpired term and remained on the
14 bench for a second term; he then resumed his law practice and
15 ultimately retired in 2016; highly respected by his peers, he was a
16 member of the Grayson County Bar Association and the State Bar of
17 Texas, where he was president of the grievance committee; and

18 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Freels benefited from the
19 love and support of his wife, Valerie, with whom he shared a
20 rewarding 52-year marriage; he took great pride in his sons, Trey
21 and Andrew, his daughters-in-law, Tricia and Chassity, and his
22 grandsons, Kameron, Will, Hudson, Drew, Zach, and Hayden; and

23 WHEREAS, A valued member of Waples Memorial United Methodist
24 Church, Mr. Freels served on the trustee, finance, and staff parish

1 committees and was chair of the administrative board; his
2 participation in the DeMolay youth leadership organization as a
3 young man inspired him to become a Mason, and he guided Lone Star
4 Lodge No. 403 as master; one of his greatest joys was his work with
5 Scouts BSA Troop No. 605, and he also relished the hunting and
6 fishing excursions he took with family and friends, often regaling
7 them with the sage wisdom of his "Sandyisms"; and

8 WHEREAS, While his loss is difficult to bear, Sandy Freels
9 leaves behind numerous friends and loved ones whose lives are far
10 richer for having known him, and he will always hold a treasured
11 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 88th Texas Legislature, 3rd
13 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of J. Saunders
14 Freels Jr. and extend sincere sympathy to all who mourn his passing;
15 and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
18 day, it do so in memory of Sandy Freels.