

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Gus Franklin Mutscher of Brenham, a  
2 former Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives and Washington  
3 County judge, passed away on February 26, 2023, at the age of 90;  
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5           WHEREAS, The son of Gus and Gertrude Mutscher, Gus Mutscher  
6 was born in the William Penn community in Washington County on  
7 November 19, 1932; he graduated from Brenham High School and  
8 attended Blinn College on a baseball scholarship before earning a  
9 bachelor's degree in business administration from The University of  
10 Texas at Austin; as a member of the UT ROTC program, he was  
11 commissioned as a reserve officer in the U.S. Army; he went on to  
12 work in sales and advertising for the Borden Company; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Mutscher was first elected to the Texas House in  
14 1960; a member of numerous committees, he chaired the committees on  
15 Claims and Accounts and Congressional and Legislative Districts,  
16 and he served as vice chair of Land Use and Environmental Control,  
17 Liquor Regulation, and Multiple Use and Pollution of All Waters of  
18 Texas; he was also a member of the Legislative Budget Board and  
19 Texas Legislative Council; in 1969, he was unanimously elected  
20 House Speaker; he favored a strong committee system, promoted  
21 efficiency, and stressed the importance of interim activities; his  
22 priorities throughout his legislative career included air and water  
23 quality, public, higher, and medical education, agricultural  
24 extension services, state highways, and museums of Texas history,

1 notably the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum and the Star of the  
2 Republic Museum; moreover, he was instrumental in securing passage  
3 of clean beach legislation for Galveston County, and he increased  
4 funding for the Texas Department of Public Safety; he was named a  
5 distinguished alumnus by UT Austin; and

6       WHEREAS, Following his sixth term, Mr. Mutscher returned to  
7 Brenham, pursuing interests in real estate and the cattle business;  
8 he was appointed as county judge to fill a vacancy in 1976 and  
9 during a tenure that spanned nearly 14 years, he was elected  
10 president of the County Judges and Commissioners Association of  
11 Texas and of the National Association of Regional Councils; a  
12 lifelong member of Grace Lutheran Church, he served as an officer  
13 and expressed his faith through charitable endeavors; he was a  
14 champion of the Blinn College Foundation and assisted in the  
15 establishment of the Blinn College Alumni & Friends Association and  
16 Hall of Honor; in 2017, he was honored for his role in founding the  
17 Star of the Republic Museum, as well as his efforts in behalf of  
18 Blinn College; and

19       WHEREAS, Mr. Mutscher was devoted above all to his family,  
20 including his two children, Lisa and Gus, and his grandsons,  
21 Matthew, William, Cade, and Drew; he loved spending time with them,  
22 especially watching Texas Longhorn football and baseball games, and  
23 he was always ready to offer encouragement and support; in  
24 addition, he loved working on his ranch, and he often drove to  
25 Irving to see the Dallas Cowboys play; and

26       WHEREAS, While the death of Gus Mutscher brings great sadness  
27 to his family and friends, his accomplishments will continue to

1 benefit his community for years to come; now, therefore, be it

2       RESOLVED, That the 88th Legislature of the State of Texas  
3 hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable Gus Franklin  
4 Mutscher and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
5 family: to his children, Lisa Mikus and her husband, James, and Gus  
6 H. Mutscher and his wife, Amy; to his grandsons, Matthew Mikus and  
7 his wife, Lauren, William Mikus, Cade Mutscher, and Drew Mutscher;  
8 to his sister, Marge Foelber; to his brothers-in-law, Herb Foelber  
9 and Fred Boecker; to his sister-in-law, Joanne Mutscher; and to his  
10 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

11       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
14 former Texas House Speaker Gus Franklin Mutscher.

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Allen	Guillen	Neave Criado
Allison	Harless	Noble
Anchía	Harris of Anderson	Oliverson
Anderson	Harris of Williamson	Ordaz
Ashby	Harrison	Orr
Bailes	Hayes	Ortega
Bell of Kaufman	Hefner	Patterson
Bell of Montgomery	Hernandez	Paul
Bernal	Herrero	Perez
Bhojani	Hinojosa	Plesa
Bonnen	Holland	Price
Bowers	Howard	Ramos
Bryant	Hull	Raney
Buckley	Hunter	Raymond
Bucy	Isaac	Reynolds
Bumgarner	Jetton	Rogers
Burns	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
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Cole	Kitzman	Shine
Collier	Klick	Slaton
Cook	Kuempel	Slawson
Cortez	Lalani	Smith
Craddick	Lambert	Smithee
Cunningham	Landgraf	Spiller
Darby	Leach	Stucky
Davis	Leo-Wilson	Swanson
Dean	Longoria	Talarico
DeAyala	Lopez of Bexar	Tepper
Dorazio	Lopez of Cameron	Thierry
Dutton	Lozano	Thimesch
Flores	Lujan	Thompson of Brazoria
Frank	Manuel	Thompson of Harris
Frazier	Martinez	Tinderholt
Gamez	Martinez Fischer	Toth
Garcia	Metcalf	Troxclair
Gates	Meyer	Turner
Gerdes	Meza	VanDeaver
Geren	Moody	Vasut
Gervin-Hawkins	Morales of Harris	Vo
Goldman	Morales of Maverick	Walle
González of Dallas	Morales Shaw	Wilson
González of El Paso	Morrison	Wu
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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 85 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 19, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 85 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on April 19, 2023.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_  
Date

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Governor