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S.R. No. 20

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Beeville lost an admired civic leader
2 with the passing of former mayor John Wilbur Galloway Sr. on
3 July 21, 2025, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Charles Thomas Galloway and Mary Jane
5 Galloway, John Galloway was born in Beeville on July 29, 1939; while
6 still a student at A. C. Jones High School, he became deeply
7 involved in community affairs; in 1960, he joined the mortuary
8 founded by his grandfather, driving ambulances and assisting with
9 memorial services; he ably managed Galloway & Sons Funeral Home
10 from 1974 until his retirement in 2025; over the course of his long
11 and rewarding career, he was a generous mentor to a number of
12 younger professionals; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Galloway served as mayor of Beeville during the
14 1970s and '80s; his noteworthy decade-long tenure brought myriad
15 infrastructure improvements, including street paving, sewage
16 lines, and construction of the fire station, city hall, and water
17 treatment plant; in addition, he oversaw completion of the airport
18 and a 200-acre park, and his guidance as president of the Western
19 Week Association was instrumental in the group funding the
20 development of the Bee County Coliseum and adjacent buildings; and

21 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Galloway gave freely of his time
22 and talents to a host of local groups and civic organizations,
23 including the Kiwanis Club, Bee County Red Cross, Boy Scouts of
24 America, Beeville Economic Development Corporation, and Knights of

1 Columbus, and Saint Joseph Catholic Church; in addition, he was
2 appointed by two governors to the Nueces River Authority; he
3 coached Little League for many years, benefiting youth in Bee and
4 Live Oak Counties, and he enjoyed taking his players to Houston
5 Astros games and treating them to hot dogs and sodas; he also
6 founded Bids for Kids to raise funds for FFA and 4-H projects; for
7 more than a half century, he awarded the champion belt buckles at
8 the Bee County Junior Livestock Show and Live Oak County Fair; among
9 numerous impactful endeavors, he launched an appreciation dinner to
10 honor first responders; and

11 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and dedicated public servant,
12 John Galloway will be deeply missed, but those who were privileged
13 to share in the richness of his life will forever treasure their
14 memories of his kindness, sense of humor, and deep commitment to his
15 community; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
17 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of John Wilbur
18 Galloway Sr. and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
19 family: to his wife, Elizabeth Ann Galloway; to his children, John
20 Wilbur "Wil" Galloway Jr. and his wife, Terri, Charles Andrew
21 "Andy" Galloway and his wife, Nicole, and Mary Beth Atzenhoffer and
22 her husband, Steve; to his seven grandchildren and two
23 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
24 be it further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
27 day, it do so in memory of John Galloway.