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S.R. No. 32

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Roger Carl Waggoner of Tyler on January 10, 2025, at the
3 age of 95; and

4 WHEREAS, Roger Waggoner was born in St. Louis, Missouri, on
5 January 2, 1930, to Eustace and Dell Waggoner; he grew up in
6 Stuttgart, Arkansas, with a brother, Alfred, and was an Eagle
7 Scout, an all-state football player, and valedictorian of his high
8 school senior class; a graduate of Ouachita Baptist University, he
9 was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army and served
10 in Korea as a platoon leader and infantry company commander; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1955, Mr. Waggoner embarked on a 35-year career
12 with Sears Roebuck and Co., first working in Little Rock before
13 spending three decades at the company's headquarters in Chicago;
14 his buying assignments took him around the world, and he also held
15 positions in merchandising, marketing, and senior management;
16 civically engaged, he was a member of the Board of Police and Fire
17 Commissioners in Wheaton, Illinois, and he served with the National
18 Council of the Housing Industry and the National Association of
19 Home Builders; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Waggoner was blessed with the love and support
21 of his wife, Sue, with whom he shared 72 years, and he took great
22 pride in their children, Alice and Keith, and in their four
23 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; in retirement, Mr. and
24 Mrs. Waggoner lived in Emerald Bay; they enjoyed playing golf

1 together, and during their travels, they visited all 50 states and
2 65 countries; above all, Mr. Waggoner was committed to serving
3 others; he taught Bible and Sunday school classes at Emerald Bay
4 Community Church, and he belonged to the East Texas chapter of the
5 Service Corps of Retired Executives Association; and

6 WHEREAS, Although Roger Waggoner is deeply missed, memories
7 of his devotion to his loved ones and his commitment to faith and
8 service will forever be treasured by those he has left behind; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
11 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Roger Carl
12 Waggoner and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his
13 family: to his wife, Anna Sue Waggoner; to his children, Alice Fant
14 and her husband, Brian, and Keith Waggoner and his wife, Kendall; to
15 his grandchildren, Jonathan Fant, Preston Fant, Wilson Waggoner,
16 and Anna Gray; to his great-grandchildren, Abigail, Betsy, Mae,
17 Emily, Gracie, and James; and to his other relatives and friends;
18 and, be it further

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