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S.R. No. 48

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the
2 passing of Robert Louie Childress of Longview on June 15, 2025, at
3 the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Lillie Pearl Newsome and William
5 S. Childress, Robert Childress was born in Gilmer on March 20,
6 1936; he grew up in the Ore City area with the companionship of
7 seven siblings, Wallace, Donald, Billy Wayne, Priscilla, Mildred,
8 Ruth, and Mary Frances, and he worked in his father's automotive
9 garage as a youth; answering his nation's call to duty, he joined
10 the U.S. Army in 1956 and served as a mechanic for two years; and

11 WHEREAS, On October 20, 1957, Mr. Childress wed the love of
12 his life, the former Sue Smith, and the couple went on to share a
13 rewarding marriage that spanned nearly 68 years; he took great
14 pride in their two children, Keith and Elaine, and with the passing
15 years, he had the pleasure of seeing his treasured family grow to
16 include five grandchildren; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Childress moved to Longview with his wife in
18 1961, working as an assistant to a ceiling contractor before going
19 on to cofound East Texas Acoustical, a ceiling and floor
20 installation company that he successfully operated for 56 years; a
21 man of strong faith, he was a valued member of Woodland Hills
22 Baptist Church for three decades, and he played an instrumental
23 role in the congregation's building projects; in his leisure hours,
24 he enjoyed working on automobiles and motorcycles; and

1 WHEREAS, A compassionate and caring man, Robert Childress is
2 deeply missed, and those who held him dear will forever remember the
3 warmth and kindness he brought into their lives; now, therefore, be
4 it

5 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
6 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert Louie
7 Childress and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
8 family: to his wife, Sue Childress; to his children, Keith
9 Childress and his wife, Patty, and Elaine Childress Day and her
10 husband, Tim; to his grandchildren, Sam, Diana, Ally, Jack, and
11 Emme; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
14 day, it do so in memory of Robert Childress.