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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the
2 passing of Joe Jean Murray of Texarkana on May 24, 2025, at the age
3 of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Joe Murray was born in Bradley, Arkansas, on
5 July 14, 1940; answering his nation's call to duty, he joined the
6 United States Marine Corps Reserve and honorably served for 30
7 years; and

8 WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Murray enjoyed
9 a long and rewarding career as a state trooper with the Texas
10 Department of Public Safety; he held a deep appreciation for
11 nature, and he was an avid outdoorsman and hunter; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Murray shared a fulfilling marriage with his
13 wife, Virginia, that spanned more than six and a half decades before
14 her passing; he took great pride in his sons, Coy and David, and
15 over the years, he had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to
16 include six grandchildren, Joe, Candace, Michael, Craig, Caleb, and
17 Lindsey, and seven great-grandchildren, Kash, Sailor, Saige,
18 Conrad, Hattie, Saoirse, and Ryland; and

19 WHEREAS, Admired for his integrity, his adventurous spirit,
20 and his devotion to his family, Joe Murray lived a caring and
21 purposeful life, and he leaves behind a record of service that his
22 loved ones can remember with pride; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
24 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Joe Jean Murray

1 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his
2 sons, Coy Murray and his wife, Wendy, and David Murray and his wife,
3 Kim; to his grandchildren, Joe Steven Murray, Candace Ann Murray,
4 Michael Cargile, Craig Murray, Caleb Murray, and Lindsey Upton; to
5 his great-grandchildren, Kash, Sailor, and Saige Forga, Conrad,
6 Hattie, and Saoirse Murray, and Ryland McAllum; and to his other
7 relatives and friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
10 day, it do so in memory of Joe Murray.