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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Kilgore lost an admired business and  
2 civic leader with the passing of Bob Charles Bustin Sr. on May 24,  
3 2025, at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of James and Anna Bustin, Bob Bustin was born  
5 in Kilgore on May 16, 1935, and he grew up with the companionship of  
6 two siblings, James and Mary Ann; he attended Kilgore High School,  
7 and as captain of the football team, he helped the Bulldogs win  
8 their first district championship; he went on to play football at  
9 Kilgore College, earning All-America honors; he then transferred to  
10 Baylor University, where he received his bachelor's degree and was  
11 a member of the team that won the 1957 Sugar Bowl; and

12 WHEREAS, In 1964, Mr. Bustin married the former Sally Beth  
13 Durrett, and they shared a fulfilling union that spanned more than  
14 six decades; they were blessed with a son, Bobby, and with the  
15 passing years, their family grew to include two grandchildren,  
16 Bethany and Ryan, and six great-grandchildren, Owen, Aiden, Noah,  
17 Hailey, Walker, and McKinley; and

18 WHEREAS, Over the course of a successful business career,  
19 Mr. Bustin worked as a salesman at Weinberg's menswear store and  
20 sold railroad freight and insurance; in the early 1970s, he and his  
21 wife established several businesses, including Kay Tank Cleaning,  
22 American Supply & Chemical, and Pioneer Fence & Insulation; and

23 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Bustin served as  
24 Kilgore city commissioner and mayor pro tem, and he was involved

1 with the Kilgore Lions Club for 62 years; in addition, he held  
2 leadership roles with the Kilgore Boys Baseball Association, the  
3 Dixie Boys Baseball Association, and the Texas Ranger Association  
4 Foundation; he was also a valued congregant of First Baptist Church  
5 Kilgore, where he taught Sunday school; and

6 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Bustin took pleasure in  
7 traveling, playing dominoes, and rooting for the Kilgore High,  
8 Kilgore College, and Baylor athletic teams; above all else, he  
9 cherished time spent with his loved ones; and

10 WHEREAS, Bob Bustin lived a life that was rich in personal and  
11 professional achievements, and he will forever be remembered with  
12 great admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st  
14 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory of Bob Charles  
15 Bustin Sr. and extend sincere sympathy to his relatives and  
16 friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
19 day, it do so in memory of Bob Bustin.