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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, John Michael Percifield Sr., a beloved and respected  
2 civic leader in Alvarado and Johnson County, passed away on  
3 August 23, 2025, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Fort Worth on May 23, 1941, John Percifield  
5 was a fifth-generation resident of Alvarado and a descendant of the  
6 McLeroy, Harris, Clayton, and Senter pioneer families; he graduated  
7 from Alvarado High School in 1959 and went on to attend Texas A&M  
8 University, where he was a proud member of the Fightin' Texas Aggie  
9 Band and the Class of 1963; after earning his degree, he returned to  
10 Alvarado and married the former Mary Schwartz, with whom he shared  
11 61 years of love and companionship and raised two sons, Michael and  
12 Paul; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Percifield dedicated his life to education and  
14 public service; in addition to teaching at Cleburne High School for  
15 a decade, he served multiple terms on the Alvarado Independent  
16 School District Board of Trustees and distinguished himself through  
17 his work as an assistant superintendent, business manager, and  
18 teacher in Alvarado ISD until his retirement in 1997; and

19 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to civic leadership,  
20 Mr. Percifield contributed greatly to his community through his  
21 service to the Johnson County MHMR board, the Bethany Water Supply  
22 Corporation, the Johnson County Antique Tractor Club, the Alvarado  
23 Economic Development Board, the Johnson County Historical  
24 Commission, and the Glenwood Cemetery Association, where he

1 spearheaded the creation of the Veterans Memorial; moreover, he  
2 played an instrumental role in preserving local history by  
3 restoring Alvarado's original 1942 Ford fire truck and helping to  
4 establish the Alvarado Heritage Museum; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Percifield was a lifelong member of First United  
6 Methodist Church Alvarado, where he served more than 40 years as  
7 chair of the board of trustees and was an enthusiastic supporter of  
8 Boy Scouts of America programs; in recognition of his many  
9 contributions to his fellow residents, he was honored as Alvaradoan  
10 of the Year by the Alvarado Chamber of Commerce in 2013; he was also  
11 inducted into the Alvarado ISD Hall of Excellence in 2017 and named  
12 Citizen of the Year by the City of Alvarado in 2023; and

13 WHEREAS, Remembered for his sense of humor, storytelling,  
14 generosity, and devotion to his family, John Percifield embodied  
15 the highest ideals of citizenship, and although he will be deeply  
16 missed, he has left behind a legacy that will continue to resonate  
17 in the community he loved and the countless lives he touched; now,  
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas  
20 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
21 John Michael Percifield Sr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to the  
22 members of his family: to his wife, Mary Percifield; to his sons,  
23 Michael Percifield and his wife, Teresa, and Paul Percifield and  
24 his wife, Jennifer; to his grandchildren, Seth Rosser and his wife,  
25 Brittney, Emilie Campbell and her husband, Clayton, Paul Percifield  
26 Jr. and his wife, Lodie, Camden Percifield, Everett Percifield, and  
27 Chloe Percifield; to his great-grandchildren, Riley and Grayson

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1 Rosser and Brooks Campbell; and to his many other relatives and  
2 friends; and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John  
6 Percifield.