

By: Hughes

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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their  
2 memories of Kenneth Ray Ward of Sulphur Springs, who passed away on  
3 June 29, 2025, at the age of 95; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of J. V. and Gertie Ward, Kenneth Ward was  
5 born in Goldthwaite on March 18, 1930, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of two brothers, G. W. and Wilbur Lee, and three  
7 sisters, Beatrice, Marcel, and Christine; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward graduated from Sulphur Springs High  
9 School, and he embarked on a long and rewarding career in the auto  
10 parts industry when he joined the staff of Merrell Chevrolet; he was  
11 also a valued member of First Baptist Sulphur Springs; and

12 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Ward benefited from the  
13 love and support of his wife, Marjorie, with whom he shared a  
14 fulfilling marriage that spanned nearly 75 years until her passing;  
15 he took great pride in their three daughters, Margaret, Jerry, and  
16 Jackie, and he had the privilege of seeing his family grow to  
17 include six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Admired for his strong work ethic, his devotion to  
19 his loved ones, and his unwavering faith, Kenneth Ward will forever  
20 hold a special place in the hearts of those who held him dear; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 2nd  
23 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Kenneth Ray Ward  
24 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his

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1 children, Margaret Thomas, Jerry Burks Watkins and her husband,  
2 Charlie, and Jackie O'Quinn and her husband, Danny; to his  
3 grandchildren, Mindy Thomas Fisher, Heather Thomas, Brandon Burks,  
4 Bradley Burks, Brian O'Quinn, and Julia O'Quinn; to his  
5 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,  
6 be it further

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