

By: Spiller

H.R. No. 416

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Billy Ray Fowler of Throckmorton on
3 February 16, 2025, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Leslie and Sarah Fowler, Billy Ray Fowler
5 was born in Goldthwaite on August 18, 1935, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of three siblings, Sarah, Sue, and Paul; he graduated
7 in 1953 from Throckmorton High School, and he went on to serve in
8 the United States Army as a helicopter mechanic and as a member of
9 the 82nd Airborne Division from 1957 to 1959; and

10 WHEREAS, On January 15, 1958, Mr. Fowler married Patsy
11 Yarbrough, and the couple shared in a fulfilling union that spanned
12 67 years; he took great pride in his two sons, Ray and Gary, and over
13 the years, his family grew to include six grandchildren and eight
14 great-grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Fowler owned and operated a Conoco service
16 station with his wife for more than three decades; deeply committed
17 to his community, he enjoyed a 37-year tenure as the Throckmorton
18 justice of the peace, and he was a member of the city council; he
19 further gave of his time and talents to the volunteer fire
20 department from 1969 to 2000, and he coached several Little League
21 teams; a man of strong faith, he was an active member of the First
22 Baptist Church of Throckmorton, where he taught Sunday School
23 classes, and he also served on the board of the Throckmorton
24 Cemetery; and

1 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community,
2 Billy Ray Fowler made a meaningful difference in the lives of his
3 loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and he will long be remembered
4 with deep affection by all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Billy Ray Fowler and
7 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
8 wife, Patsy Fowler; to his sons, Ray Fowler and his wife, Gayle, and
9 Gary Fowler and his wife, Kathy; to his grandchildren, Maryann
10 Jernigan and her husband, Larry, Jay Fowler and his wife, Ashley,
11 Amy Schroeder, Will Fowler and his wife, Melissa, David Fowler, and
12 John Fowler and his wife, Shawnee; to his sisters, Sarah Morris and
13 Sue Thurman; to his great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives
14 and many friends, and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Billy Ray
18 Fowler.