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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of admired San Angelo businessman and philanthropist David
3 Louis Hirschfeld on February 28, 2025, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of L. W. and Odie Hirschfeld, David
5 Hirschfeld was born in San Angelo on December 19, 1936; he earned
6 his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Texas Tech
7 University and served in the U.S. Army before going to work at his
8 father's welding shop; in 1963, he became president of Hirschfeld
9 Steel, and he built the small family company into one of the largest
10 structural steel fabricators in the United States; it was involved
11 in a host of major projects, from the U.S. Embassy in Moscow to
12 major league stadiums across the country; a titan of his industry,
13 he remained humble and mentored innumerable people, and he was a
14 longtime member of the board of the American Institute of Steel
15 Construction; he retired in 2002, only to acquire a new business,
16 Wendland Manufacturing; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Hirschfeld was the devoted father of four
18 children, David, Shawnee, Kendall, and Wendall, and he shared a
19 fulfilling marriage of more than three decades with his wife,
20 Judith, until her passing in 2023; the couple often hosted military
21 families in their home and supported the Goodfellow Air Force Base
22 whenever possible; dedicated to animal rescue, they established the
23 Judith & David Hirschfeld Adoption Center at Concho Valley PAWS;
24 Mr. Hirschfeld also worked with Angelo State University to found

1 the David L. Hirschfeld Department of Engineering; a man of faith,
2 he was an active member of First Methodist Church in San Angelo and
3 the San Angelo Philosophical Society; he took on the rebuilding of
4 the old Catholic chapel adjacent to the family ranch in Fort
5 McKavett, now known as the Hirschfeld Chapel; his civic and
6 charitable contributions earned him numerous honors, including the
7 Citizen of the Year Award from the San Angelo Chamber of Commerce,
8 and the Texas Tech University System inducted him into its Spur
9 Society; and

10 WHEREAS, Although the loss of David Hirschfeld is keenly felt
11 by all who were privileged to share in the richness of his life, his
12 tremendous warmth and kindness will remain a lasting source of
13 inspiration; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 89th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of David Louis
16 Hirschfeld and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
17 family: to his children, David Louis Hirschfeld Jr. and his wife,
18 Betty, Shawnee Hirschfeld Ingram, Kendall Kyle Hirschfeld and his
19 wife, Lisa, and Wendall Wayne Hirschfeld and his wife, Scarlet; to
20 his 12 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; and to his many
21 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David
25 Hirschfeld.