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S.R. No. 282

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Kenneth William Threlkeld of Tyler on May 23, 2024, at
3 the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Ken Threlkeld was born in Ladonia on July 4, 1935, to
5 Louise and Quincy Threlkeld; he grew up with a sister, Sue, in
6 Muddig, where he walked across his father's cotton and cattle farm
7 to attend school with 15 classmates; after serving in the U.S. Army,
8 he earned a bachelor's degree in business at East Texas State
9 College under the GI Bill; he later was honored as a distinguished
10 alumnus of the school, which today is known as East Texas A&M
11 University; and

12 WHEREAS, In the early 1960s, Mr. Threlkeld worked as an
13 accountant for the Ideal Baking Company in Tyler and as an
14 accountant and auditor with Squyres, Johnson, Squyres; he began his
15 insurance career with State Farm in 1964; the following year, he
16 joined the Clyde-Prestidge Insurance Agency, and he eventually
17 became its owner; in 1982, he established Threlkeld & Company
18 Insurance, which today is owned by his son; he was a respected
19 leader who mentored many young professionals, and in 2006, he was
20 the inaugural recipient of the Paige Eiland Political Action Award
21 in recognition of his impactful efforts in behalf of independent
22 insurance agents; and

23 WHEREAS, Committed to giving back to his community,
24 Mr. Threlkeld held leadership roles with a number of area

1 organizations, and he was honored with the Breath of Life Award from
2 the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and the Build East Texas Award of
3 Excellence; actively involved in cattle ranching and farming, he
4 lent his support to the Texas Agricultural Lifetime Leadership
5 program, and he garnered the Bill and Mary Clements Memorial Award
6 for Outstanding Leadership in Agriculture; and

7 WHEREAS, Above all, Mr. Threlkeld cherished time spent with
8 his loved ones, and he took great pride in his three children, Lori,
9 Mandy, and Todd, and his six grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his
11 community, Ken Threlkeld earned the lasting respect and admiration
12 of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
14 hereby pay tribute to the life of Kenneth William Threlkeld and
15 extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his
16 children, Lori Knight and her husband, Scott, Mandy Lohner and her
17 husband, Mike, and Todd Threlkeld; to his grandchildren, Brandon
18 Threlkeld, Grace, Ken, and Will Knight, and Michael and Maggie
19 Lohner; to the mother of his children, Cheryl Threlkeld; and to his
20 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
23 day, it do so in memory of Ken Threlkeld.