

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 602

In Memory
of
Randall Grooms Sr.

WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort those saddened by the passing of Randall Darrell Grooms Sr. of Tyler on April 25, 2025, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, The son of Cleo and Thelma Grooms, Randall Grooms was born in Brownwood on March 29, 1936, and he grew up on a farm in Bangs with the companionship of four siblings, Dwayne, Marcus, and his twin sisters, Marilyn and Carolyn; answering his nation's call to duty, he proudly served in the U.S. Army Reserve, ultimately retiring at the rank of lieutenant colonel; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Grooms met the love of his life, the former Henrietta Hill, when he was a young boy; the couple shared a rewarding marriage spanning nearly seven decades, and they were blessed with three children, Randy, Tawnya, and Twila; through the years, their family grew to include six grandchildren, Clayton, Carter, Cullen, Connor, Drew, and Silas, and five great-grandchildren, Annie, Walker, Poppy Jo, Fraser, and Teddy; and

WHEREAS, After attending Howard Payne University, Mr. Grooms earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas Tech University, and he went on to complete a master's degree at the University of Kentucky and a doctoral degree at the University of Georgia, where he also taught; over the course of a long and fulfilling career as a beef cattle specialist with the Texas A&M University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton, he traveled across the globe, sharing his knowledge and expertise; in addition, he served as superintendent of the Intercollegiate Livestock Judging Contest at the Fort Worth

Stock Show & Rodeo for 30 years, and in 2017, the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course was dedicated in his honor; and

WHEREAS, Engaged in his community, Mr. Grooms volunteered with the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, and he was actively involved in Green Acres Baptist Church, where he served as a Bible study fellowship leader; in his leisure hours, he found pleasure in fishing, traveling, and playing dominoes; known for his quick wit, he was always ready with a good one-liner or joke that could light up a room; and

WHEREAS, Randall Grooms treasured the time he spent in the company of his family and friends, and those he leaves behind will in turn cherish their memories of this kind and caring man; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 89th Legislature, hereby pay tribute to the life of Randall Darrell Grooms Sr. and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Randall Grooms.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 31, 2025, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate