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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

18 WHEREAS, After attending Howard Payne University, Mr. Grooms
19 earned a bachelor's degree in animal science from Texas Tech
20 University, and he went on to complete a master's degree at the
21 University of Kentucky and a doctoral degree at the University of
22 Georgia, where he also taught; over the course of a long and
23 fulfilling career as a beef cattle specialist with the Texas A&M
24 University Agricultural Research and Extension Center at Overton,

1 he traveled across the globe, sharing his knowledge and expertise;
2 in addition, he served as superintendent of the Intercollegiate
3 Livestock Judging Contest at the Fort Worth Stock Show & Rodeo for
4 30 years, and in 2017, the Texas A&M Beef Cattle Short Course was
5 dedicated in his honor; and

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

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

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

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