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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the
2 passing of Thomas Morrell Terry Jr. of Cisco on March 30, 2025, at
3 the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Cisco on December 8, 1937, Tommy Terry was
5 the son of Thomas Terry Sr. and Zora Eppler Terry, and he grew up
6 with the companionship of three siblings, Bill, Dorothy, and Wanda;
7 he shared a rewarding union with his wife, Patsy, that spanned
8 nearly four and a half decades until her passing in 1999; he was the
9 proud father of four children, Jeffrey, Greg, Sydney, and Kim; with
10 the passing years, his treasured family grew to include five
11 grandchildren, Craig, Brittany, Steven, John, and Masyn, and
12 several great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Terry lived in Mason and Anson; while a
14 student at The University of Texas at Austin, he worked as a
15 nighttime security guard at the State Capitol and as a nursing home
16 administrator; in 1966, he got a job with the Humble Oil Company,
17 which later became Exxon, and they moved to Baytown; for 30 years,
18 he worked at the Baytown Refinery and was most proud of his
19 involvement with the startup of the Fuels North area of the facility
20 in the late '70s; he served as a mentor to countless coworkers over
21 the years, and in 1996, he retired from his position as a chief
22 operator at Exxon; and

23 WHEREAS, A few years after his wife died, Mr. Terry bought a
24 lake house in Cisco, and most mornings, he could be found at the

1 local Dairy Queen socializing with friends; in his later years, he
2 ran errands for the homebound, visited nursing home residents, and
3 took friends to doctor appointments; his desire to help others was
4 also demonstrated in the 1960s and '70s through his involvement in
5 the Optimist Pee Wee football program, through which he purchased
6 equipment for underprivileged children; and

7 WHEREAS, Although he will be deeply missed, Tommy Terry has
8 left his family and friends with many cherished memories, and he
9 will forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore,
10 be it

11 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
12 hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Morrell Terry Jr. and
13 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
14 children, Dr. Greg Terry and his wife, Laurie, Sydney Platt and her
15 husband, Jack, and Kim Terry and her wife, Tacy; to his
16 grandchildren, Craig Platt, Brittany Verwers, Steven Terry, John
17 Terry, and Masyn Terry; to his great-grandchildren; to his special
18 friend of 20 years, Marilyn Preston; and to his other relatives and
19 friends; 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 Tommy Terry.