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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 David Lawrence Murphy of Atlanta on April 6, 2025, at the
3 age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of John and Gladys Murphy, David Murphy was
5 born in Texarkana on February 4, 1934, and he grew up with the
6 companionship of four siblings, Jean, Robert, Kenneth, and
7 Elizabeth; his family resided in Delaware and California during his
8 youth before returning to Texas and settling in Bloomburg, where he
9 graduated from high school in 1953; answering his nation's call to
10 duty, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and was stationed in Germany; and

11 WHEREAS, Following his discharge, Mr. Murphy wed his
12 sweetheart, the former Sarah Stanley, on June 18, 1955, and the
13 couple shared a rewarding marriage that spanned 65 years until her
14 passing; he took great pride in their five children, Sharon, Kay,
15 David, Suzanne, and Paul, and through the years, he had the pleasure
16 of seeing his cherished family grow to include 15 grandchildren,
17 Chad, Katy, Ryan, Chelsey, Nicole, Quin, Carly, Chloe, Aris, Sadie,
18 Brenna, Kiersten, Allison, Breanne, and Logan, as well as 25
19 great-grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Murphy worked for Shell Oil Company in Pasadena
21 while earning a bachelor's degree from East Texas State College,
22 and he subsequently embarked on a remarkable 53-year career as a
23 teacher and coach; over the years, he coached basketball, football,
24 baseball, tennis, and track, and he made a positive difference in

1 the lives of countless students; among the many highlights of his
2 career, he was inducted into the Western Junior College Athletic
3 Conference Hall of Fame in 2005, after coaching women's basketball
4 at Frank Phillips College; and

5 WHEREAS, In his later years, Mr. Murphy became an avid
6 gardener, and he enjoyed tending to his many rosebushes; he also
7 took pleasure in listening to audiobooks, completing jigsaw
8 puzzles, and spending time with his grandchildren and
9 great-grandchildren; a man of faith, he was a member of First
10 Baptist Church Atlanta; and

11 WHEREAS, Although David Murphy is deeply missed, he has left
12 his family and friends with a wealth of memories that they will
13 forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature
15 hereby pay tribute to the life of David Lawrence Murphy and extend
16 sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
19 day, it do so in memory of David Murphy.