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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life devoted to the service of others drew to a
2 close with the passing of former Texas state representative
3 Benjamin Albert Glusing on May 3, 2016, at the age of 100; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Rudolph and Katherine Glusing, Ben
5 Glusing was born in Redfield, Kansas, on February 3, 1916, and grew
6 up with the companionship of his sister, Mary, and his two brothers,
7 John and James; after earning a bachelor's degree in economics at
8 Washburn College in Topeka in 1937, he moved to Corpus Christi and
9 went to work as a broadcaster for KRIS radio; and

10 WHEREAS, Drafted into the U.S. Army in 1941, Mr. Glusing was
11 stationed in Brownwood with a military police unit when Pearl
12 Harbor was attacked, and he went on to serve his country with pride
13 in the Pacific theater; following the completion of his military
14 service in 1946, he studied law at Georgetown University and
15 subsequently settled in Kingsville, where he worked initially with
16 the Kleberg County attorney's office; he later went into private
17 practice, and for more than a quarter of a century, he numbered the
18 King Ranch among his clients; he also enjoyed a distinguished
19 career in state government, winning his first election to the Texas
20 House of Representatives in 1952 and serving his constituents in
21 Kenedy, Kleberg, and Nueces Counties for five consecutive terms,
22 until 1963; and

23 WHEREAS, Imbued with a deep affection for his community,
24 Mr. Glusing devoted countless hours to its service; he was a member

1 of the Kingsville Noon Rotary Club for 67 years, and on his 65th
2 anniversary with the club it made him an Honorary Rotarian, the
3 highest award the organization can confer; he also helped to found
4 the Kleberg-Kenedy County Water Control Improvement District, now
5 known as the South Texas Water Authority; in addition, he held
6 membership on the Texas Council of the Boy Scouts of America, and in
7 2002, he joined in launching a two-year capital campaign to
8 renovate the abandoned train depot in town and turn it into a
9 museum; moreover, he served in a number of positions with the Church
10 of the Epiphany, where he was a valued parishioner; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Glusing was joined in matrimony to Nell Buchanan
12 Jack in 1956, and the couple shared a rewarding marriage that
13 spanned 22 years, until her death in 1978; he was a caring father to
14 James Glusing and a doting stepfather to Sarah and Josephine
15 Foster, and later in life, he was blessed with five grandchildren,
16 Laura, William, Kristine, Johnathan, and Benjamin, and two
17 great-grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Addison; and

18 WHEREAS, A public servant and civic leader whose
19 contributions have touched the lives of countless fellow citizens,
20 Ben Glusing will long be remembered with admiration and affection
21 in the town he was proud to call home; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable
24 Benjamin Albert Glusing and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who
25 mourn his passing; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

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1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ben
2 Glusing.