SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Port Lavaca in mourning the loss of King Fisher, who died January 7, 2005, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, King Fisher owned and operated King Fisher Marine Service, Incorporated, for 58 years; he was noted for his generosity to his employees, the youth of Calhoun County, fire departments, Emergency Medical Service units, churches, and Boy Scout troops and for his unfailing support of the Gulf Intracoastal Canal; and

WHEREAS, Born on January 14, 1916, King was a lifelong resident of Port Lavaca; he was the fourth son of Charles Everett and Kittie Grace Moss Fisher, having been preceded in death by his older brothers, Everett, Leonard Moss, and J.N. Fisher; he has also been preceded in death by his beloved grandson Jason LaQuay; he married Jewel Tanner, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Tanner of Port Lavaca, on August 13, 1937; he remained happily married to Jewel the rest of his life; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Fisher started King Fisher Machine Works by assembling a towboat with salvaged parts from junkyards and a used engine; he and Jewel built King Fisher Marine Service, Incorporated, into the largest dredging and marine construction business in Texas; and

WHEREAS, Among King's many accomplishments was his
development of the "walking spud" for dredges, which enabled a
dredge to operate in a more efficient manner by "walking" down a
channel; and

WHEREAS, Under his leadership, his company dredged well over
a quarter of a billion cubic yards of material for the United States
Corps of Engineers and private industry, laid almost two million
feet of marine pipelines, and drove approximately 300,000 pilings;
and

WHEREAS, At his own expense, he restored 2,000 feet of beach
at Port O'Connor, thus demonstrating the beneficial use of dredged
material; as a result, the beach was named "King Fisher Beach" in
his honor; and

WHEREAS, A highly respected community leader, King Fisher
helped the Texas Historical Commission raise cannons from La
Salle's vessel, Belle; he served as a director of the First National
Bank of Port Lavaca and of the Seaport Bank in Seadrift; he was
honored with numerous awards over his lifetime; and

WHEREAS, King has been inducted into both the Pipeliners Hall
of Fame and the National Rivers Hall of Fame; he received the
National Achievement Award from the latter; in 2000, King was named
one of Calhoun County's 25 Most Influential People of the 20th
Century by the Port Lavaca/Calhoun County Chamber of Commerce; the
chamber also gave King and Jewel the Man and Woman of the Year Award
in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Famous for his tenacity, integrity, and
construction expertise, King Fisher was one of our most treasured
citizens, and his contributions to the economic development of our
WHEREAS, King Fisher lived his life to the fullest and was a
devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind
memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many
friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of King
Fisher: his wife, Jewel Fisher; his daughters and sons-in-law, Ann
Fisher Boyd and Waymon Boyd and Linda Fisher LaQuay and Timothy
LaQuay; his grandchildren, Wayne Boyd, Randy Boyd, and Amy LaQuay;
and his six great-grandchildren; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas
Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do
so in memory of King Fisher.
I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 3 was adopted by the Senate on February 7, 2005.

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 3 was adopted by the House on February 16, 2005.

Approved:

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Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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