

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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

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

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

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

24           WHEREAS, Among King's many accomplishments was his

1 development of the "walking spud" for dredges, which enabled a  
2 dredge to operate in a more efficient manner by "walking" down a  
3 channel; and

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

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

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

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

25         WHEREAS, Famous for his tenacity, integrity, and  
26 construction expertise, King Fisher was one of our most treasured  
27 citizens, and his contributions to the economic development of our

1 state were invaluable; and

2 WHEREAS, King Fisher lived his life to the fullest and was a  
3 devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind  
4 memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many  
5 friends; now, therefore, be it

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

12 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his  
13 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas  
14 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do  
15 so in memory of King Fisher.

Freeman Osypin  
President of the Senate

John Caddell  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 3 was adopted by the Senate on February 7, 2005.

Datsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

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

Robert Haney  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

01 Mar '05

Date

RICK PERRY  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE

5:00 O'CLOCK

Roger Williams  
Secretary of State

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