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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of La Grange are mourning the loss of
2 Richard L. Barton, Sr., the owner and former editor and publisher of
3 *The Fayette County Record*, who passed away on June 21, 2003, at the
4 age of 78; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Hominy, Oklahoma, on April 23, 1925, Mr.
6 Barton graduated from high school in 1943; that fall he entered the
7 United States Army and he served in the 82nd Airborne, 325th Glider
8 Infantry, during which time he earned a Purple Heart and Bronze
9 Service Arrowhead; and

10 WHEREAS, When he returned from the military, this esteemed
11 newsman earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the
12 University of Oklahoma in 1949; after working on newspapers in
13 Oklahoma, Texas, Kansas, and Missouri, he purchased *The Fayette*
14 *County Record* in March 1976, and after many years of successful
15 publication, he retired as its managing editor and publisher in
16 1988; and

17 WHEREAS, A member of the Rotary Club for 45 years, former
18 president of the Rosenberg Chamber of Commerce, and active member
19 of St. Paul Lutheran Church in La Grange, Richard Barton will be
20 greatly missed, but his memory will live on in the hearts of the
21 many people whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
23 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
24 Richard L. Barton, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members

1 of his family: to his wife of 56 years, Nelda; to his son, Richard L.
2 "Dickie" Barton, Jr., and his wife, Nonnie; to his daughter, Regina
3 Keilers and her husband, Armin; to his six grandchildren, Stacy
4 Barton, Richard L. "Trey" Barton III, Tanya Keilers, Tara Keilers,
5 Toni Keilers, and Todd Keilers; to his nieces and nephews; and to
6 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard L.
10 Barton, Sr.