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H.R. No. 171

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Frank Curre, Jr., of Waco is celebrating his 80th
2 birthday on August 10, 2003, and this occasion will be commemorated
3 with a special surprise party, hosted by the many friends,
4 relatives, and admirers of this distinguished Texan; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in 1923, Mr. Curre answered his country's call
6 to duty at the dawn of World War II; he was stationed on the USS
7 *Tennessee* in Pearl Harbor on the fateful morning of December 7,
8 1941, and suffered burns during the Japanese raid on Battleship
9 Row; in the months that followed, he was transferred to serve aboard
10 the USS *Petrof Bay*, an aircraft carrier that played an instrumental
11 role in the American victory in the Pacific theater, and he shared
12 in the presidential unit citation that recognized the crew's
13 extraordinary heroism in combat; and

14 WHEREAS, On his return to civilian life, Mr. Curre was
15 married to his sweetheart, the former Alma Louise Head, at a
16 ceremony held on June 23, 1945; over the course of the next five
17 decades, the couple worked hard to create a happy home life for
18 their family, and together they enjoyed a strong partnership that
19 grew in love and mutual respect with each passing day; and

20 WHEREAS, An active member of the Waco community, he is the
21 current president of the Chapter 10 Pearl Harbor Survivors
22 Association; he visits local schools and colleges to share his
23 firsthand account of the attack on Pearl Harbor, thereby helping
24 young Texans to remember the human toll taken by that devastating

1 war; and

2 WHEREAS, An inspiration to all those who have the pleasure of
3 knowing him, Mr. Curre is an outstanding patriot, noteworthy
4 community leader, and beloved father whose many accomplishments are
5 deserving of our most heartfelt praise and commendation; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby congratulate Frank Curre,
9 Jr., on the occasion of his 80th birthday and extend to him best
10 wishes for continued happiness and success in all his endeavors;
11 and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Curre as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.