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H.R. No. 53

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of longtime Wichita Falls  
2 resident A. R. "Bud" Dillard were deeply saddened by the passing of  
3 this esteemed gentleman on July 30, 2003, at the age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, A student of Wichita Falls public schools, Mr.  
5 Dillard graduated from The University of Texas at Austin, and he  
6 ably served his country during World War II in the U.S. Navy; and

7           WHEREAS, Mr. Dillard was well-known for his success in a  
8 variety of business enterprises, including oil and gas, beer  
9 distribution, and banking; in the early 1960s, he and business  
10 partner Bill Thomas purchased Falls Distributing, and in the  
11 ensuing years he founded Cobra Oil & Gas as well as the Parmer  
12 County Cattle Company; Mr. Dillard also established the Wichita  
13 Falls Savings Association, and he served on the boards of First  
14 Wichita National Bank and Parker Square Bank; and

15           WHEREAS, In addition to his professional achievements, Mr.  
16 Dillard gave generously of his time and financial resources to  
17 myriad causes and charities; while he avoided public recognition  
18 for his generosity, Mr. Dillard greatly benefited such local  
19 projects as the North Texas Rehabilitation Center and Texas Ranch  
20 Roundup; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Dillard was an outstanding entrepreneur who  
22 shared his success freely with others, and he will long be  
23 remembered for his honesty, his business acumen, his wonderful,  
24 caring nature, and his quiet philanthropy; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
2   Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
3   Bud Dillard and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
4   family: to his beloved wife of 49 years, Kay Rugeley Dillard; to  
5   his three children, Carol Dillard, Jeff Dillard, and Ryan Dillard;  
6   and to 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 A. R. "Bud"  
10   Dillard.