

By: Wise

H.R. No. 284

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of William Kent "Bill"
2 Solether of Weslaco were deeply saddened by the passing of this
3 distinguished gentleman on September 29, 2003, at the age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 31, 1927, in Weslaco, Mr. Solether
5 graduated from Weslaco High School, where he was an outstanding
6 quarterback for the Weslaco Panthers; from 1946 to 1948, he served
7 his country with distinction in the U.S. Army with a tour of duty in
8 Japan; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Solether returned to Weslaco and made numerous
10 contributions to his hometown; a lifelong farmer, he also worked
11 for 23 years as a salesman for Stauffer Chemical Company, and in
12 1971, he and his wife, Deanie, built a family recreation center and
13 miniature golf course, called Green Acres; later, he partnered with
14 his son, Mark, to open Pecker's Bar and Grill, where Mr. Solether's
15 amiable personality made him a cherished friend to countless
16 patrons; and

17 WHEREAS, He was a member of the Weslaco Lions Club and Elks
18 Club, and served on the Weslaco Independent School District school
19 board; he committed much time and energy to the First United
20 Methodist Church, helping the church youth group, among other
21 activities, and later attended the First Christian Church; and

22 WHEREAS, Like his father before him, Mr. Solether spent his
23 life working to see Weslaco grow and prosper; this dedicated family
24 man and esteemed Weslaco citizen will long be remembered for the

1 positive, lasting influence he had on the lives of those around him;
2 now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
5 Bill Solether and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
6 family: to his son, Jon Kent Solether; to his son, William Mark
7 Solether and his wife, Delma; to his daughter, Bonnie Denise Wilson
8 and her husband, Bob; to his grandchildren, Ashley Anne Wilson,
9 Allison Amber Wilson, Robert Austin Wilson, Brook Nicole Solether,
10 Barbie Denee Solether, Blake Sky Solether, and Summer Bo Solether;
11 to his brothers and their spouses, Ned and Fran Solether and Tom and
12 Richie Solether; to his sister, Nancy Rupe and her husband, Bill; to
13 his nieces and nephews, Dian Solether Smith, Becky Williams, Greg
14 Solether, Robert Solether, Michael Rupe, Allen Rupe and his wife,
15 Becky, and Shari Menchaca and her husband, Walter; and to his other
16 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William
20 Kent Solether.