SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 122

In Memory of Walter Lewis Harrell

WHEREAS, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of Winnsboro in mourning the loss of Walter Lewis Harrell, who died October 3, 2003, at the age of 84; and

WHEREAS, Walter Harrell was born on April 27, 1919, to Tom Harrell and Bertie Cole Harrell; he served his country in the Pacific Theater as a member of the United States Army Air Corps during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrell married Ferne Rockett on December 5, 1942, and the couple was blessed with a family of three children, eight grandchildren, and nine great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, After completing his military service in 1945, Mr. Harrell joined Amoco Pipeline Company, where he remained a loyal employee until his retirement in 1980; and

WHEREAS, A skilled carpenter, he built four homes for his family from the ground up, and he put his carpentry talents to use in repairing the homes of friends and relatives; he also enjoyed running a small ranching operation in Winnsboro; and

WHEREAS, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Walter Harrell gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

WHEREAS, A devout Christian, Walter was a member of the Hopewell Primitive Baptist Church, where he served as a deacon; and

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

RESOLVED, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of Walter Lewis Harrell: his wife of 61 years, Ferne Harrell; his sons and daughters-in-law, Randy and Jeanene Hamrick Harrell and David and Barbara Reed Harrell; his daughter and son-in-law, Susan and Rick Mitchell; and his eight grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren; and, be it further

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RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Walter Lewis Harrell.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on October 10, 2003, by a rising vote.

Secretary of the Senate

Member, Texas Senate