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H.R. No. 22

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The untimely passing of Billy Frank Blaylock of
2 Eldorado on November 17, 2003, at the age of 78, has deeply saddened
3 this beloved man's family and host of friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Eldorado on March 2, 1925, Mr. Blaylock
5 graduated from Robert Lee High School and attended Tarleton State
6 University for one year before joining the United States Marine
7 Corps; he served proudly with the Fifth Marine Division during
8 World War II and sustained severe injuries in the battle of Iwo
9 Jima; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Blaylock married the love of his life, the
11 former Mabel Jay, on June 10, 1944, and with her he enjoyed a close
12 and rewarding marriage that was made even richer with the arrival of
13 four children, 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, A man of many talents and interests, Mr. Blaylock
15 owned a leather shop and worked with Foxworth Galbraith Lumber
16 Company and Eldorado Woolen Mill in his earlier years; he later
17 joined the United States Postal Service and spent 33 years as a
18 rural mail carrier; additionally, Mr. Blaylock was a longtime
19 farmer and rancher; and

20 WHEREAS, This fine gentleman served as a deacon with the
21 First Baptist Church and as a leader with the Boy Scouts of America;
22 in his leisure time, he took pleasure in gardening, working
23 leather, and making jerky, and he especially enjoyed sharing
24 stories and laughter with his wide circle of loved ones; and

1 WHEREAS, Billy Frank Blaylock was truly a blessing in the
2 lives of countless people, and he will long be remembered for his
3 generous spirit and his deep devotion to family and community; now,
4 therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
7 Billy Frank Blaylock and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
8 his family: to his wife, Mabel Jay Blaylock; to his children and
9 their spouses, Frankie Hardy, Steve and Mary Ann Blaylock, Billie
10 Gayl and Cliff Boren, and Eva Jo and Steve Sessom; to his
11 grandchildren, Katie, Donnie, Lindy, Jamie, Jay, Jeff, Betsy,
12 M'Lissa, Jeremy, Micah, Staci, Benny, and Stormi; to his
13 great-grandchildren, Payton and Logan; to his sisters, Jerry
14 Blaylock and Ebba Nikolauk; and to all who mourn the passing of this
15 cherished man; and, be it further

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