

By: Homer

H.C.R. No. 274

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Quentin Miller of Cooper
2 are deeply saddened by the passing of this esteemed gentleman on
3 January 25, 2003, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was born on November 29, 1918, in
5 Longview; he graduated from Cooper High School in 1936 and attended
6 Austin College; on August 7, 1938, he married the love of his life,
7 Catherine Young, in Vasco; he was preparing to attend medical
8 school when a family tragedy made him return to Cooper to take over
9 the family business, J. J. Henslee Hardware; and

10 WHEREAS, A pioneer of the LP gas business in Northeast Texas,
11 Mr. Miller established Cooper Propane in 1947; he also helped to
12 create in-state bonded warehouses now known as Delta Logistics; in
13 1938, Mr. Miller joined the board of directors of Delta Bank and
14 served as president and chief executive officer from 1958 to 1983
15 and as chairman of the board from 1958 to 2003; and

16 WHEREAS, An early proponent of the Cooper Dam and Reservoir,
17 he traveled to Washington, D.C., to help secure authorization for
18 the project; Mr. Miller also served as chairman of the Sulphur River
19 Water Committee, vice president of the Red River Valley
20 Association, and president of the Sulphur River Municipal Water
21 District; in recognition of his contributions, he was appointed to
22 the Texas Water Planning Committee by Governor Price Daniel and
23 Governor Dolph Briscoe; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller made significant contributions to

1 education and was the youngest person ever elected to the Cooper ISD
2 board of trustees; also an active leader in the Boy Scouts of
3 America, he was instrumental in the acquisition of Camp Dirks and
4 was awarded the Silver Beaver in 1955; and

5 WHEREAS, An abiding interest in history led Mr. Miller to
6 publish the history of Delta National Bank called *The First Sixty*
7 *Years*; he also compiled *The Centennial History of the First*
8 *Methodist Church, Cooper, Texas, 1871-1971*; Mr. Miller further
9 served the people of Delta County with his collection of
10 information about early schools, businesses, and agricultural and
11 cultural societies; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller was a member of the Masonic Lodge,
13 Cooper, 1240 A.F.&A.M., and the Cooper Lions Club; a U.S. Army
14 veteran of World War II, he served with distinction as a first
15 sergeant in the medical department of a station hospital in
16 Savannah Beach, Georgia, and with the 16th Armored Division; and

17 WHEREAS, Among his recognitions and honors, Mr. Miller was
18 named one of the Outstanding Young Men of Texas in 1952 and the
19 Delta County Chamber of Commerce's Citizen of the Year in 2001; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller amassed a wealth of achievements during
21 his lifetime, and he contributed to making a better world for his
22 fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby pay tribute to the life of Quentin Miller and that sincere
25 sympathy be extended to the members of his family: to his wife,
26 Catherine Young Miller; to his daughter, Judy Falls, and her
27 husband, Sam Falls; to his daughter, Jan Hill; to his son, Frank

1 Miller, and his wife, Stacy Miller; to his grandchildren, Matthew
2 and Callie Falls, Quentin and Atticus Miller, and Jessica and Chase
3 Nations; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
8 Quentin Miller.