

By: Campbell

H.R. No. 67

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Walter C. Pope III of
2 Sonora were deeply saddened by the passing of this respected
3 rancher and conservationist on December 23, 2002; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Pope was born in Roswell, New Mexico, and
5 graduated from high school in Tulsa, Oklahoma; in 1944, he became a
6 naval air cadet at Olathe Naval Air Station and transferred a short
7 time later to the United States Marine Corps; he served with
8 distinction in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns and participated
9 in the Marine Expeditionary Forces on mainland Japan before his
10 honorable discharge in 1946; and

11 WHEREAS, After his military service, Mr. Pope earned a
12 bachelor's degree in geology from Wichita State University and
13 began his career with Stanalind Gas Company in Tyler; on October
14 21, 1950, he married Dorothy Wilson at Emmanuel Episcopal Church in
15 San Angelo; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Pope owned a ranch near Ft. McKavett where he
17 practiced early methods of brush control and water saving, far
18 ahead of the modern conservation movement; in 1993, he was one of
19 the first area ranchers to import Boer goats from New Zealand, which
20 revolutionized the goat industry and complemented his own prized
21 herd of commercial Angus cattle; and

22 WHEREAS, A congregant at St. John's Episcopal Church, Mr.
23 Pope was a highly regarded member of his community who was active in
24 local affairs and served as a Sonora city alderman and Schleicher

1 County commissioner; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Pope made a positive impact on this world
3 through his example as a devoted family man, a successful rancher,
4 and a pioneering conservationist; his spirit will continue to live
5 in the hearts of the many people who were privileged to have known
6 him; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Walter C. Pope III and
9 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
10 beloved wife of 52 years, Dorothy Wilson Pope; to his children,
11 Janet Andrews and her husband, Joe; Cora McGowan and her husband,
12 Wally; and Walter C. Pope IV and his wife, Carol; to his
13 grandchildren, Cally, Ogden, Richard, Audrey, Dorothy Anne,
14 Cadesman, and Julia; to his two faithful employees, Rogelio Vasquez
15 and Ramaiero Vasquez; and to his other relatives and many friends;
16 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 Walter C.
20 Pope III.