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H.R. No. 178

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Oscar Louis Henry Mehl at the age of
2 92 has left a void in the lives of his many friends and family; and

3 WHEREAS, Born the sixth of 10 children on May 9, 1910, Oscar
4 Mehl was raised in Sylvan Grove, Kansas, by his parents, Frederick
5 and Elizabeth Mehl; the family lived on 25 acres, with milk cows,
6 chickens, and a garden that created ample opportunity for childhood
7 chores; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Mehl graduated magna cum laude as student body
9 president from Valparaiso University in 1933 with a degree in
10 electrical engineering; he worked briefly as a county engineer in
11 Lincoln, Kansas, where he met the love of his life, Garnet Sheets;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, In 1935, the Carrier Corporation offered him a job
14 as one of 20 engineers nationwide, prompting a move to Chicago;
15 shortly after, Mr. Mehl was transferred to Dallas and on his way to
16 the Lone Star State, he stopped in Kansas to marry the lovely Miss
17 Sheets; and

18 WHEREAS, While in Dallas, Mr. Mehl worked on such buildings
19 as the Lone Star Gas Building, the Medical Arts Building, the
20 Magnolia Building, and many others; after 40 years of faithful
21 service, he retired from the Carrier Corporation as Southern Zone
22 Manager in 1975; and

23 WHEREAS, He was a lifetime member of the American Society of
24 Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers and was also

1 actively involved with the Park Cities Rotary Club for many years;
2 and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Mehl found many interests after retirement, not
4 the least of which was expanding and displaying his collection of
5 about 12,000 beer cans; he also did his best to keep Mrs. Mehl
6 supplied with wooden parts for the many craft items she produced
7 over the years; and

8 WHEREAS, The couple joined Our Redeemer Lutheran Church
9 shortly after its installation and have had lifelong friends in the
10 church; an active member, Mr. Mehl served as president, elder, and
11 on various committees and built a cross from the original wood
12 flooring that still hangs in the gymnasium; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Mehl spent the past five years in independent
14 living at The Forum retirement home, where he and his beloved wife
15 made and enjoyed many new friends; the Wednesday night poker group
16 was particularly gratifying to the venturesome Mr. Mehl; and

17 WHEREAS, Oscar Louis Henry Mehl was devoted to his wife,
18 children, and faith and although his love and guidance will be
19 missed by all who were privileged to know him, his spirit will long
20 live on in the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives he
21 touched; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
23 Legislature hereby honor the life of Oscar Louis Henry Mehl and
24 extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his wife, Garnet; to his
25 children, Jim and wife Judith, Lynette Hilliard and Jim Hearne, and
26 John and wife Julie; to his grandchildren, Dr. Stuart Hilliard,
27 Brooke and Mike Mercer, and Laura, Sarah, and Michael Mehl; to his

1 great-grandchildren, Campbell and Hank Mercer; and to the many
2 friends of this esteemed gentleman; and, be it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Oscar Louis
6 Henry Mehl.