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H.R. No. 913

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of the Reverend Carroll Thomas Cole,
2 Sr., of New Braunfels on March 26, 2003, at the age of 79, has deeply
3 saddened the family and many friends of this esteemed gentleman;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Louisiana, he was born on April 4, 1923,
6 in Arcadia, and lived in Texas during much of his life; he graduated
7 from Woodville High School, where he was a cheerleader, and also
8 lived in San Marcos and Austin before moving to New Braunfels in
9 1991; and

10 WHEREAS, Reverend Cole was an alumnus of East Texas Baptist
11 College, Texas Baptist Theological Seminary, and Lundig School of
12 Mortuary Science; he was called to pastor Southern Baptist churches
13 throughout Texas over the course of a fine 18-year career in the
14 ministry and also devoted 26 years to the Gary Job Corps in San
15 Marcos in the capacity of law enforcement liaison and counselor;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Answering his country's call to arms during World
18 War II, he served as a staff sergeant at Schofield Barracks at Pearl
19 Harbor, and received the Bronze Star for his dedication; and

20 WHEREAS, Over the course of 58 years of marriage, Reverend
21 Cole and his wife, Kathryn, enjoyed a close and fulfilling marriage
22 that was blessed with four children, and "Papa" took great joy in
23 welcoming nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren to his
24 close-knit family; and

1 WHEREAS, Carroll Thomas Cole, Sr., was a faithful pastor and
2 veteran who served his nation well; he loved to travel and visit
3 historic sites, and he will long be remembered for his compassion,
4 devotion, and gentle spirit; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Reverend Carroll
7 Thomas Cole, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to his wife, Kathryn;
8 to his daughter, Deborah Kay Cole; to his sons and their wives,
9 Carroll Thomas Cole, Jr., and Fran, Mark Randall and Lana Cole, and
10 Kyle Lynn and Susan Cole; to his grandchildren and
11 great-grandchildren; to his sister, Jimmie Goolsbee; to his
12 sister-in-law, Aline Cole; and to all those who mourn the passing of
13 this beloved man; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
17 Reverend Carroll Thomas Cole, Sr.