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H.R. No. 946

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The death of Pampa resident Clyde Carruth on April  
2 20, 2003, at the age of 99, has brought a great loss to the many  
3 friends and relatives of this distinguished community leader; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on February 1, 1904, in the town of Lelia Lake,  
5 Mr. Carruth graduated from Pampa High School in 1922 with high  
6 honors before studying banking, commerce, and business law at  
7 Watson Business College, Wayland Baptist College, and Texas A&M  
8 University; during the 1930s, he embarked on a career with the  
9 federal government as the administrator of the Agricultural  
10 Adjustment Program, an initiative of the U.S. Department of  
11 Agriculture, before transferring to the Texas Extension Service in  
12 1935 to serve as extension agent for Hutchinson County; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Carruth joined the staff of the Federal Reserve  
14 in 1941 and became associated with the Federal Land Bank and  
15 supervised loans in seven counties for five years; during World War  
16 II he also distinguished himself as the chairman of the War Board  
17 and Ration Board; and

18           WHEREAS, Over the course of his impressive career in  
19 agriculture and agribusiness, Mr. Carruth founded the Junior  
20 Livestock Show in Pampa, helped to create the Top of Texas Hereford  
21 Breeders Association, and played an instrumental role in the  
22 building of the Pampa Livestock Pavilion, which in 1975 was renamed  
23 the Clyde Carruth Pavilion in his honor to his great surprise and  
24 delight; and

1           WHEREAS, Greatly respected within the local community, Mr.  
2 Carruth sold life insurance for many years and was a member of the  
3 Pampa Chamber of Commerce for more than six decades; this  
4 accomplished civic leader served on the Pampa City Commission for  
5 12 years and gave generously of his time and resources to such  
6 worthy organizations as the Kiwanis Club, the Pampa Senior Citizens  
7 Center Board, and the Community Day Care Board; elder emeritus of  
8 the community of faith at First Christian Church (Disciples of  
9 Christ), he taught Sunday school at the church for 40 years and held  
10 a variety of church offices, including those of deacon and  
11 treasurer; and

12           WHEREAS, In addition to receiving a commendation from the  
13 USDA for his contributions to ranching, this outstanding Texan  
14 organized the county's 4-H Boys and Girls Clubs and, later in life,  
15 received a Citation of Service from Texas A&M University for his  
16 work in behalf of local 4-H programs; and

17           WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to know Mr. Carruth will  
18 not soon forget the faith, hard work, and commitment he brought to  
19 every aspect of his life, and his memory will live on in the hearts  
20 of all those whose lives he touched during his years on this earth;  
21 now, therefore, be it

22           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Clyde Carruth and  
24 extend profound sympathy to his family: to his wife, Neva Weeks  
25 Carruth; to his daughters and son-in-law, Yvonne Winegeart and  
26 Barbara and Russell West; to his son and daughter-in-law, Dayne and  
27 Beverly Carruth; to his daughter-in-law, Leta Carruth Jeffers; to

1 his stepchildren, Larry and Patsy Weeks; to his grandchildren,  
2 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and to his  
3 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
6 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Clyde  
7 Carruth.