

By: Hughes

H.R. No. 1129

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Charles Everett Dean of Gilmer handed  
2 over the gavel at the Gilmer City Council meeting on May 8, 2003,  
3 bringing to an end his distinguished service as mayor of Gilmer; and

4           WHEREAS, Mayor Dean first held office after winning the  
5 Democratic Party run-off for county judge in 1974; over the next two  
6 decades, Upshur County garnered the largest budget surplus in  
7 county history and received the highest possible bond rating; under  
8 his leadership, the area obtained a new health care clinic,  
9 expanded highways, and saw the creation of a rural fire prevention  
10 district and the impressive Upshur County Justice Center; and

11           WHEREAS, Elected mayor on May 6, 1995, this notable community  
12 leader met with characteristic success in his new role; during his  
13 terms, the city passed its home rule charter and began  
14 participation in the Texas Main Street Program of the Texas  
15 Historical Commission; additionally, Mayor Dean worked to acquire  
16 the HOME Program Grant, which helped build houses for low-income  
17 and elderly individuals, and his leadership contributed to the  
18 acquisition of the Gilmer Civic Center, the construction of the new  
19 airport terminal, and the opening of Lake Gilmer; and

20           WHEREAS, This outstanding public servant has also earned the  
21 respect and admiration of his fellow citizens for his devotion to  
22 his family; he married his beloved wife of 57 years, Rachel Jo  
23 Bowden Dean, on December 12, 1945; their special union has been  
24 blessed over the years with two children, Eddie Dean and Leanne Way,

1 who have brought their parents the pride and joy of six  
2 grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, The hard work and commitment of Mayor Dean in behalf  
4 of his community is truly commendable, and he is most deserving of  
5 special legislative recognition; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby commend Charles Everett Dean on the occasion of  
8 his retirement as mayor of Gilmer and extend to him best wishes for  
9 future happiness; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for Mayor Dean as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
12 House of Representatives.