

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Milbert William "Bill" Held of  
2 Houston on May 16, 2003, at the age of 76, has deeply saddened the  
3 family and many friends of this admired man; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Held was born on November 3, 1926, in Milwaukee,  
5 Wisconsin, to Milbert William Held, Sr., and Virginia Emily Held;  
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7           WHEREAS, With his bride, the former Ethlyn "Lynn" Fiedler,  
8 Mr. Held exchanged wedding vows in a ceremony held on November 10,  
9 1951; he enjoyed a warm and enduring relationship with his wife that  
10 was richly blessed through the years with three children and seven  
11 granddaughters, in whom he took great pride; and

12           WHEREAS, His professional life included owning Sprayco,  
13 cofounded by Mr. Held and Harold Fiedler in 1957; in addition to  
14 contributing to his community through his significant efforts as a  
15 businessman, he was a charter member of Advent Lutheran Church and  
16 an active congregant in many of its activities, including the  
17 Lutheran Brotherhood, and he served as the troop leader for Boy  
18 Scouts of America Troop 589; and

19           WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to share the friendship of  
20 Mr. Held will long miss his presence, and he will be remembered with  
21 great affection and respect for many years to come; now, therefore,  
22 be it

23           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Milbert William

1 "Bill" Held and extend sincere sympathy to his wife of 51 years,  
2 Lynn Held; to his daughter, Valerie Held Oden, and her husband, Ted;  
3 to his son, Ronnie Held, and his wife, Cindy; to his granddaughters,  
4 Courtney, Carly, Caty, and Chelsey Oden, and Layne, Kylie, and  
5 Quinn Held; to his brother, Mike Ellis Held, and his wife, Barbara;  
6 and to all those who mourn the passing of this beloved man; and, be  
7 it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Milbert  
11 William Held.

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H.R. No. 1630

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1630 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 30, 2003.

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Chief Clerk of the House