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H.R. No. 1683

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Constable Jack F. Bell of Jeff Davis County passed
2 away on May 12, 2003, at the age of 74, leaving behind a loving
3 family and many friends to grieve in his absence; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on January 3, 1929, in Dawson, Mr. Bell
5 graduated from Alpine High School and attended Sul Ross State
6 University; employed in the oil and gas industry in Alpine for 10
7 years before moving to El Paso, he worked at White Sands, New
8 Mexico, for 12 years, and was assigned to the Marshall Islands
9 during that time; he also was employed with Phelps Dodge Copper
10 Refinery for many years before retiring; and

11 WHEREAS, Moving to the Davis Mountain Resort in 1983, Mr.
12 Bell was elected constable of Precinct No. 1 in 1989, and he ably
13 served as a protector of public safety over the course of 13 years;
14 in 1992, he temporarily left office to earn his deputy sheriff's
15 license in El Paso and his peace officer's license from the Sul Ross
16 State University police academy; and

17 WHEREAS, Throughout his service, Constable Bell had numerous
18 notable achievements, including assisting in the jailing of
19 secessionist leader Richard McLaren during the Republic of Texas
20 standoff; and

21 WHEREAS, A congregant at the First Baptist Church in Alpine,
22 he was a valued member of his community; he fulfilled the duties of
23 his office as constable with the utmost integrity, earning the
24 respect and admiration of his fellow residents; throughout his

1 life, he positively influenced the lives of many, and his memory
2 will live on in the hearts of those individuals who were fortunate
3 enough to have known him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Jack Fred Bell
6 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
7 wife of more than 50 years, Elaine Moore Bell; to his daughters,
8 Jill Bell, Jackye Steffey, and Jan York; to his grandchildren and
9 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;
10 and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jack F.
14 Bell.