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H.R. No. 1714

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Richard "Dick" O. Harris on May 10,
2 2003, at the age of 75, has brought a great loss to the family and
3 friends of this esteemed Wichita Falls resident; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of The University of Texas at Austin,
5 this remarkable athlete was an All-American football player for the
6 Longhorns in 1948-1949, and was inducted into The University of
7 Texas Football Hall of Fame in 1996; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris began a highly successful career in the
9 banking industry in 1960 with First Wichita National Bank; he
10 relocated to Amarillo, where he demonstrated outstanding
11 leadership as president of American National Bank, a position he
12 also held with American National Bank of Austin before returning to
13 Amarillo as president of Texas Commerce Bank; and

14 WHEREAS, Retiring with his wife to Wichita Falls in 1993, Mr.
15 Harris was a faithful congregant of Grace Church; he sat on numerous
16 boards of directors, including Scott and White Hospital in Temple,
17 which he ably served for 25 years; and

18 WHEREAS, Those who were fortunate to share the friendship of
19 Mr. Harris will long miss his warmth, gracious hospitality, and
20 genuine love for others, but his remarkable spirit lives on in the
21 hearts of those whose lives he touched during his time on this
22 earth; now, therefore, be it

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

1 "Dick" O. Harris and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
2 family: to his son, Richard O. Harris, Jr.; to his sister, Jean
3 Harris Smith; to his brother, Jack Harris; to his grandchildren,
4 Laura Brooke Harris, Richard O. Harris III, and Braden Leigh
5 Harris; and to the other relatives and many friends of this beloved
6 man; and, be it further

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