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H.C.R. No. 21

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of John L. Starks of Paris on August 12,
2 2005, at the age of 87, has brought a great loss to his family and
3 friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to J. W. and Caldonia Moorman Starks on
5 February 4, 1918, in Rugby, Mr. Starks attended Deport High School,
6 where he excelled in athletics, and studied at Abilene Christian
7 College and Paris Junior College before earning bachelor's and
8 master's degrees from Sam Houston State Teacher's College; and

9 WHEREAS, This notable Texan served in the U.S. Army during
10 World War II with the 1st Armored Division of the AGF and, following
11 his return to civilian life, began a career at Paris Junior College
12 as an agriculture instructor; in addition to his teaching duties,
13 he became director of agriculture at the college, managed the
14 450-acre college farm, and trained livestock judging teams; he was
15 a most deserving recipient of the Honorary Lone Star Farmers
16 Degree, the highest commendation of the Future Farmers of America;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Starks loved golf and fishing; he was an avid
19 reader and especially enjoyed touring Civil War battlegrounds and
20 other historical sites with his family; he was a man of diverse
21 talents and interests, and his memory will be forever cherished by
22 those who shared in the warmth of his love and friendship; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,

1 2nd Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the life of John
2 L. Starks and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family:
3 to his wife of 62 years, Sara Lawson Sparks; to his daughters, Kay
4 Starks Wright and her husband, Bob, and Linda Starks Hawthorne and
5 her husband, Bob; to his grandchildren, Lindsey Pittman and her
6 husband, John, Ashley Bassham and her husband, Markus, Chad
7 Hawthorne and his wife, Kathy, Kristen Hawthorne, and Lauren
8 Hawthorne; to his great-grandson, Alex Pittman; and to his other
9 relatives and friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
13 John L. Starks.