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H.R. No. 221

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Dallas lost a respected businessman and
2 philanthropist with the passing of Harry Aaron Levy on August 6,
3 2005, at the age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, Born Arky Lev in Poland in 1912, Mr. Levy emigrated
5 to America with his family through Ellis Island in 1915, settling
6 near relatives in Detroit; following his graduation from high
7 school at the age of 15, he began his career as a plumber's
8 assistant and later moved with his family to Dallas, where he
9 studied business at night and worked with relatives in the plumbing
10 business by day; and

11 WHEREAS, Starting his own plumbing venture in 1937, he often
12 worked seven days a week to make his fledgling business grow, and
13 the example he set of diligence and commitment to his family
14 continues to resonate in the lives of his loved ones today; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Levy enlisted in 1943 and served in North Africa
16 with the Army Air Force Corps of Engineers; following his return to
17 civilian life, he resumed his business endeavors, which would grow
18 to include a lawn sprinkler installation service and investments in
19 real estate; and

20 WHEREAS, Together with his beloved wife, Florence Ruth, Mr.
21 Levy believed in giving back to the community, and he benefited a
22 host of organizations with his generosity and involvement,
23 including Temple Emanu-El, Sharith Israel, the Masonic Lodge,
24 Scottish Rite, Hella Temple, Chautauqua, B'nai B'rith, Temple

1 Brotherhood, the Dallas Symphony, Dallas Woods and Waters, Texas
2 Real Estate Brokers, and the Texas Master Plumbers Association; in
3 his leisure time, he pursued a fitness regimen and was an active
4 outdoorsman who took great pleasure in taking his yearly fishing
5 trips to Alaska; and

6 WHEREAS, Harry Aaron Levy exemplified the American dream
7 during his lifetime and was an inspiration to all who were
8 privileged to know him; although he will be sorely missed, his
9 memory will live on through the lasting legacy of achievement he
10 leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
13 Harry Aaron Levy and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
14 family: to his wife, Florence Ruth Friedman Levy; to his children,
15 Jean L. Karotkin and Michael R. Levy; to his granddaughters, Rachel
16 Levy Goldberg and her husband, Michael, Tobin Janel Levy, Mara
17 Elizabeth Levy, and Suzanne Lesley Karotkin; to his
18 great-granddaughter, Sophia Madaline Goldberg; and to his other
19 family members and many friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Harry Aaron
23 Levy.