

By: Phillips

H.R. No. 252

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The community of Denison lost one of its most
2 admired citizens with the passing of David Bayless, Sr., on
3 December 23, 2005, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Jim Tom and Mattye Bayless in Denton on July
5 22, 1925, this esteemed Texan graduated from the Marine Corps
6 Officer Candidate School in 1945 and the University of North Texas
7 in 1947; he bravely served his country during the Korean War and
8 moved to Denison in 1959; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bayless distinguished himself professionally as
10 the chair of the Bayless-Hall Insurance Company board and gave
11 generously of his time and talents to a host of civic organizations,
12 including the United Way, the Denison Rotary Club, the Denison
13 Downtown Association, and the Denison Chamber of Commerce, all of
14 which he served as president; a former Denison city councilman and
15 elder of First Christian Church, he received an Outstanding Citizen
16 Award and was inducted into the Grayson County Business Hall of
17 Fame; and

18 WHEREAS, Highly dedicated to his alma mater, Mr. Bayless
19 served on the UNT Board of Regents, President's Council, and
20 Foundation Board; the founder of a local alumni chapter of Texoma
21 Eagles and a stalwart backer of UNT athletics, he was honored with
22 the Outstanding Alumnus Award in 1991 and the Distinguished Alumnus
23 Award in 1999; and

24 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known David Bayless

1 will remember him as a dedicated civic leader and a generous friend,
2 and his life serves as an inspiring example of all that one
3 individual can accomplish; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
6 David Bayless, Sr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
7 his family: to his wife, Patsy; to his children, David Bayless, Jr.,
8 and his wife, Sharon, and Brandy Hewitt and her husband, Stephen; to
9 his grandchildren, Clanci Bayless Torres and her husband, Paul,
10 David Bayless III, Kyra Hewitt, and Connor Hewitt; to his
11 great-grandchildren, Paul Torres, Harrison Torres, David Bayless
12 IV, and Brennan Bayless; and to his other relatives and friends;
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David
17 Bayless, Sr.