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H.R. No. 404

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a distinguished son with the
2 passing of Max Sims Lale on April 22, 2006, at the age of 89; and

3 WHEREAS, Recognized for his contributions as a historian and
4 a journalist, this decorated World War II combat veteran also
5 touched the lives of countless individuals with his years of
6 dedicated civic service; and

7 WHEREAS, Born in Shawnee, Oklahoma, on August 31, 1916,
8 Mr. Lale earned his journalism degree from the University of
9 Oklahoma and received a reserve commission as a second lieutenant
10 of field artillery at the time of his graduation; and

11 WHEREAS, In 1940, Mr. Lale volunteered for active duty in the
12 army; during four campaigns in Europe, he rose to the rank of
13 lieutenant colonel and earned the American Bronze Star, the French
14 Croix de Guerre, and a unit citation in the general orders of the
15 Belgian army before his discharge in March 1946; he later commanded
16 the 647th Armored Field Artillery Battalion in the 49th Armored
17 Division Texas National Guard and remained active in the U.S. Army
18 Reserve; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Lale's journalism career included pre-war
20 tenure with a weekly newspaper in Sapulpa, Oklahoma, longtime
21 employment with the *Marshall News Messenger*, and three-plus years
22 as publisher of the *Greenville Herald Banner*; and

23 WHEREAS, As a resident of Marshall, he served as a city
24 commissioner and president of the chamber of commerce, as well as

1 president of the Marshall Jaycees and director of the local Red
2 Cross, and he was honored by his fellow citizens with "Max Lale Day"
3 in 1982; and

4 WHEREAS, An accomplished and dedicated historian, Mr. Lale
5 was a fellow and past president of the East Texas Historical
6 Association, chairman of the Harrison County Historical
7 Commission, and past president of the Texas Historical Association;
8 he oversaw the preparation of 19 successful historical marker
9 applications and nine successful listings on the National Register
10 of Historical Places, and made valuable contributions to the *East*
11 *Texas Historical Journal*, *Southwestern Historical Quarterly*, *Red*
12 *River Valley Historical Review*, and *Military History of Texas and*
13 *the Southwest*; moreover, he served as a historical consultant for
14 the Bill Moyers Emmy Award-winning documentary, "A Walk Through the
15 Twentieth Century," for which he earned a certificate from the
16 Academy of Television Arts and Sciences; and

17 WHEREAS, In the early 1960s, this talented individual began a
18 14-year affiliation with Thiokol Chemical Corporation, serving as
19 manager of communications and plant relations at Longhorn Army
20 Ammunition Plant; preceded in death by his first wife, Georgiana
21 Aspley Lale, Mr. Lale married the former Lloyd May "Cissy" Stewart
22 in 1983 and enjoyed many happy years of marriage; and

23 WHEREAS, Max Lale touched the lives of countless individuals
24 during his long and fruitful life, and although he is deeply missed
25 by those who knew and loved him, his spirit lives on in their
26 hearts; now, therefore, be it

27 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

1 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
2 Max Sims Lale and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
3 family: to his wife, Cissy Stewart Lale; to his brothers, Newton A.
4 Lale, Jr., and Wallace R. Lale; to his nephews and nieces, Kenny Lee
5 Lale, Judy N. Ward, Newlon A. Lale, Kathy Endicott, Larry Davies,
6 Linda Prokes, Jan Browning, and Debra Butler; to his seven
7 grandnieces and three grandnephews; and to his other relatives and
8 friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Max Sims
12 Lale.