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H.R. No. 458

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and a host of friends are mourning the loss of  
2 W. G. Ragley of Plano, who passed away on April 26, 2006, at the age  
3 of 73; and

4           WHEREAS, A driving force behind the Republican Party in  
5 Collin County, Mr. Ragley was born in Dallas on October 5, 1932; he  
6 graduated from Jesuit High School and the graduate school of  
7 banking at Southern Methodist University; and

8           WHEREAS, Over a career that spanned more than 40 years, Mr.  
9 Ragley served as a vice president of Mercantile Bank in Dallas and  
10 other banks in Cheyenne, Wyoming, and Las Cruces, New Mexico, and as  
11 president of banks in Santa Fe, New Mexico, Euless, and Plano; he  
12 went into mortgage banking in 1994; and

13           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan began his lifetime involvement  
14 in the Republican Party while still a student in high school;  
15 together with his wife, Dotty, he became active with the party in  
16 Collin County in the 1980s, and the couple played an instrumental  
17 role in its growth there; Mr. Ragley worked with the Republican  
18 Men's Club, assisted with a number of campaigns, and chaired the  
19 Collin County Republican Party from 1998 to 2001; and

20           WHEREAS, "Buddy" Ragley figured prominently in expanding the  
21 scope of the party's efforts, helping the county organization reach  
22 out to minorities and develop a focus on national races, and he was  
23 one of those responsible for the acquisition of new party  
24 headquarters; in 2005, he and his wife received the John King

1 McVeigh Award, the Collin County Republican Party's highest honor;  
2 and

3 WHEREAS, A member of the chamber of commerce in every  
4 community where he lived and worked, Mr. Ragley served as president  
5 pro-tem of the Dallas junior chamber in 1964 and as president for  
6 two years of the Hurst-Euleless-Bedford chamber; and

7 WHEREAS, Endowed with a bold and exuberant spirit, Mr. Ragley  
8 brought to his many endeavors an unfailing integrity and  
9 purposefulness that won him the affection and esteem of countless  
10 fellow citizens, and his memory will be forever treasured by those  
11 who were privileged to share in his friendship; now, therefore, be  
12 it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
14 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
15 W. G. "Buddy" Ragley and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
16 his family: to his wife of 50 years, Dotty Ragley; to his daughter  
17 and son-in-law, Maribeth and Brian Cullen; and to his other  
18 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of W. G.  
22 "Buddy" Ragley.