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H.R. No. 521

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life of service to others drew to
2 a close with the passing of Richard Henri Punch, Jr., of Houston on
3 April 13, 2006, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Punch was born on September 23, 1918, into a
5 family of 15 children; he graduated with the Phillis Wheatley High
6 School Class of 1936 and enrolled in the Landig College of Mortuary
7 Science; he worked with the United States Postal Service as a mail
8 carrier for nearly 35 years, and also had been employed on the staff
9 of Ross Mortuary, Inc.; and

10 WHEREAS, He was a veteran of the United States armed forces
11 who served his country with distinction during World War II and was
12 honorably discharged with the rank of staff sergeant; and

13 WHEREAS, On February 2, 1947, Mr. Punch and the former Nellye
14 Joyce Lewis were united in matrimony, and for nearly six decades the
15 couple nurtured an enduring marriage that was blessed with two
16 children, four grandchildren, and one great-grandchild; and

17 WHEREAS, This devoted husband, loving father, and doting
18 grandfather shared his time and resources with the deacon board and
19 music ministry at Zion Hill Baptist Church, where his late brother,
20 the Reverend C. L. Punch, had been pastor; and

21 WHEREAS, Richard Punch exemplified the highest ideals of
22 compassion, commitment to his fellow Texans, and faith in God, and
23 the memory of this beloved gentleman will long remain in the hearts
24 of those fortunate enough to have known him; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
2 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
3 Richard Henri Punch, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the
4 members of his family: to his wife, Nellye Joyce Punch; to his
5 children, Sheila Lockhart and D. Christine Browne; to his
6 grandchildren, Sean C. Lockhart, Erran I. Booker, Kelly A. Boyd,
7 and Felicia Hill; to his great-grandson, Kailan E. Boyd; and to his
8 many other relatives and 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 Richard
12 Henri Punch, Jr.