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H.R. No. 646

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A loving family and many cherished friends mourn the
2 passing of Thomas Earl Winters of Mills County on April 16, 2006;
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4 WHEREAS, Born on May 17, 1934, on a ranch near Evant, Mr.
5 Winters attended Texas A&M University, where he was a member of the
6 Corps of Cadets; and

7 WHEREAS, He worked many years alongside his father and
8 brother in the livestock industry; together, they owned and
9 operated the Lampasas Livestock Auction in addition to numerous
10 other auctions throughout Central Texas; they also raised and
11 traded cattle, sheep, and goats in the Southwest and Midwest and
12 operated ranches in Texas, New Mexico, Kansas, and Colorado; and

13 WHEREAS, During the 1970s, he and his brother-in-law, Billy
14 Bob Barnett, owned and operated the Miller Beer Distributorship in
15 Fort Worth and Dallas; in the early 1990s, Mr. Winters played a
16 significant role in building and operating the Valley Greyhound
17 Track in Harlingen, and he was involved in a number of other
18 business ventures throughout the state; and

19 WHEREAS, He married Wynona Joan Barnett in 1955, and four
20 years later, they purchased the C Bar Ranch in Mills County, which
21 they made their lifelong home; and

22 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, successful rancher and
23 businessman, and loyal friend, Thomas Earl Winters leaves behind a
24 host of family members and friends who will long cherish their

1 memories of this distinguished Texan's intelligence, honesty, and
2 wit; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
5 Thomas Earl Winters and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
6 his family: to his wife of 50 years, Wynona Winters; to his
7 daughters, Molly Earl Winters and Maggy Katherine Jones; to his
8 grandchildren, Thomas Marshall Winters, Thomas Randolph Jones,
9 Marla Katherine Jones, and Nicholas Alexander Jones; to his
10 great-grandchild, Mia LaFrae Winters; to his brother, David William
11 Winters; to his nephews, Thomas David Winters and John Carter
12 Winters; to his granddaughter-in-law, Cheyenne M'Dee Winters; to
13 his son-in-law, Craig Randolph Jones; and to his other relatives
14 and friends; and, be it further

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