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H.R. No. 685

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, With the passing of William Max Hale of Austin on  
2 March 17, 2006, at the age of 70, the Lone Star State has lost an  
3 eloquent enemy of injustice in its many forms, and we join his  
4 family, friends, and many admirers in mourning his loss; and

5           WHEREAS, Originally from the Texas Panhandle, Mr. Hale was  
6 deeply involved with the civil rights movement of the 1960s,  
7 working at the Mobilization for Youth program in New York and  
8 marching in the southern U.S. with Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.; and

9           WHEREAS, His love of justice joined with the love of his home  
10 state in his work as the head of the Fort Worth Human Relations  
11 Commission and in his essential contributions to the passage of the  
12 Texas Fair Housing Act and the Texas Commission on Human Rights Act;  
13 and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Hale was a fitting choice to serve as the first  
15 executive director of the Texas Human Rights Commission, a post he  
16 held for 17 years, and he brought to this demanding and worthwhile  
17 work his characteristic energy and intelligence; and

18           WHEREAS, Dedicated to the cause that shaped the course of his  
19 life, he also served as chair of the Austin Human Rights Commission  
20 and as president of the International Association of Official Human  
21 Rights Agencies; and

22           WHEREAS, Though at the center of public events for many  
23 years, Mr. Hale was also a devoted family man, and his public  
24 persona as a relentless seeker of justice is complemented by his

1 loved ones' view of him as a caring husband, father, and  
2 grandfather; and

3 WHEREAS, Those individuals who seek to change society for the  
4 better are truly deserving of our sincere admiration, and Bill  
5 Hale's steadfast insistence that the highest ideals of our nation  
6 are not only possible but necessary helped to ensure a better and  
7 brighter world for every succeeding generation of Texans; now,  
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
10 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
11 William Max Hale and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
12 family: to his wife, Karen; to his children, Mathis Hale and Lisa  
13 Coody; to his grandchildren, Britton, Paige, and Jace; to his  
14 daughter-in-law, Donna, and his son-in-law, Jesse; to his sister  
15 and two brothers; and to his other relatives and many friends; and,  
16 be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William Max  
20 Hale.