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H.C.R. No. 157

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, John Shero, volunteer advocate for youth, minister  
2 of the Second and Wallace Street Church of Christ in San Saba, and  
3 beloved family man, passed away on October 21, 2004, at the age of  
4 75; and

5           WHEREAS, Mr. Shero dedicated much of his life to the service  
6 of youth in Texas; in the 1970s, he was instrumental in fostering  
7 care for homeless children in Cherokee, Texas, through the  
8 development of the Cherokee Home for Children; over the last 20  
9 years, Mr. Shero's volunteer efforts for the Texas Youth Commission  
10 have touched the lives of many youth, including those at the Ron  
11 Jackson State Juvenile Correctional Complex in Brownwood, Texas,  
12 and the Corsicana Residential Treatment Center; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Shero served for four years as president of the  
14 San Saba Community Resource Council and was serving his second  
15 two-year term as vice president of the State Volunteer Resource  
16 Council, a statewide organization of people who donate time and  
17 resources to the children committed to the care of the Texas Youth  
18 Commission; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Shero played a vital role in opening the San Saba  
20 State School juvenile correctional facility in 1996, and the youth  
21 of the facility benefited from his ongoing commitment as a  
22 volunteer worship and Bible study leader, a surrogate parent, and a  
23 trusted confidant; and

24           WHEREAS, The San Saba State School juvenile correctional

1 facility is a secure, high-restriction juvenile correctional  
2 facility with more than 300 staff and the capacity to serve more  
3 than 350 male youths committed by juvenile courts across Texas, but  
4 it also depends on the support of compassionate volunteers  
5 exemplified by Mr. Shero for the effective treatment of the  
6 children in its care; and

7 WHEREAS, It is indeed fitting that Mr. Shero be recognized  
8 for his achievements, distinguished leadership, and commitment to  
9 the care of the neediest of Texas' children, and that this  
10 recognition be in association with a facility that he helped found  
11 and that emulates his mission of service; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby encourage the Texas Building and Procurement Commission to  
14 rename the San Saba State School juvenile correctional facility for  
15 John Shero as a tribute to his commitment to improving the lives of  
16 disadvantaged children in Texas; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That the secretary of state forward an official  
18 copy of this resolution to the chair and the executive director of  
19 the Texas Building and Procurement Commission.