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H.C.R. No. 184

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times, loving
2 moments, and meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and
3 friends of Richard J. Rast of the Howland community, who passed away
4 on July 20, 2004, at the age of 68; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on April 27, 1936, in Mexia, Dick Rast
6 graduated from Olney schools, attended Paris Junior College, where
7 he played football, and received his undergraduate degree from
8 Texas Western University; after serving with distinction in the
9 U.S. Marine Corps, he entered Midwestern University and earned his
10 master's degree in biology from East Texas State University; and

11 WHEREAS, A gifted teacher and coach known as "Bear," he began
12 his education career on the Tyonek Indian Reservation in Alaska;
13 when he returned to Texas, he taught at Cunningham, Deport,
14 Prairiland, and Chisum and implemented the football programs at
15 Prairiland and Chisum schools; and

16 WHEREAS, An avid outdoorsman and master gunsmith, he loved
17 hunting and had an impressive knowledge of nature and animals,
18 which he happily shared with his nephews and grandchildren; and

19 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known this notable
20 man will remember him always, and their lives have been enriched by
21 his friendship and love; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard J. Rast and extend sincere
24 sympathy to the members of his family: to his sons and their wives:

1 Lee and Diedra Rast, John and Kelley Rast, and Bob and Laurie Rast;
2 to his grandchildren, Carson, Cooper, Ty, Will, Raegan, and Ryan;
3 to his brother, Howard Rast and his wife, Yoko; to his
4 brother-in-law, William Justiss and his wife, Darlene; to his four
5 sisters-in-law, Sarah King and her husband, Bill, Bobbie Preston
6 and her husband, Jimmy Don, Judy Alspaugh and her husband, Tommy,
7 and Harriett Rast; and to his many other relatives and friends; and,
8 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 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
12 Richard J. Rast.