

By: Driver

H.C.R. No. 218

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Frank Gilbert Elder of San Antonio on
2 May 13, 2005, has saddened all those who knew him, and we join them
3 in mourning the loss of a dedicated public servant, a devoted
4 husband and father, and a loyal friend; and

5 WHEREAS, A native Texan, Mr. Elder was born in Laredo, where
6 he attended J. W. Nixon High School and Texas A&I University in
7 Laredo, earning a business degree; and

8 WHEREAS, He joined the Department of Public Safety in 1974,
9 and he served in El Paso, Abilene, San Antonio, Waco, and Austin;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Elder's career with the DPS encompassed a wide
12 range of experience, and over the years he moved in rank from
13 trooper to assistant chief of the Driver License Division, in every
14 instance bringing his characteristic integrity and friendliness to
15 his work; and

16 WHEREAS, It was in El Paso that he met and married his wife,
17 Kathy, and their union continued to grow in mutual affection and
18 respect through the years; and

19 WHEREAS, This "gentle giant" was a loving and devoted father,
20 an avid outdoorsman, and a mentor to many at DPS, and his memory
21 will be forever cherished by those who were blessed to share in the
22 warmth of his love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby pay tribute to the life of Frank Gilbert Elder and extend

1 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Kathleen
2 Vought Elder; to his sons, Frank Gilbert Elder III and Robert
3 William Elder and his wife, Edna Elizabeth; to his grandson, Austin
4 William Elder; and to his other relatives and many devoted friends;
5 and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
9 Frank Elder.