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H.R. No. 24

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Robert D. Price, former U.S.  
2 congressman and Texas state senator, passed away on August 24,  
3 2004, at the age of 76, leaving a void in the lives of his many  
4 admirers; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Reading, Kansas, Bob Price was born in  
6 1927 and attended Oklahoma State University; he graduated in 1951  
7 and married the former Martha "Marty" White that same year; and

8           WHEREAS, This patriotic American served his country as a U.S.  
9 Air Force fighter pilot during the Korean War; he flew 27 combat  
10 missions and was awarded an Air Medal for his courageous service;  
11 and

12           WHEREAS, For most of his life, Congressman Price lived in  
13 Pampa, where he farmed and ranched for 50 years; his Panhandle ranch  
14 spanned four counties and had been in the Price family since 1907;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, It was in the 1960s that he first displayed an  
17 interest in politics, campaigning for a seat in the U.S. House of  
18 Representatives; a pioneering member of the Republican Party, he  
19 was elected to the house in 1966 and served until 1974; while in  
20 office, he served on the House Agriculture Committee and sat on the  
21 Manned Space Flight and NASA Oversight Subcommittees; and

22           WHEREAS, Congressman Price won a special election to fill a  
23 vacancy in the Texas Senate in 1977, campaigning with the slogan,  
24 "Price is right for Texas"; returning to his ranching and farming

1 operation full-time in 1980, he continued to maintain an interest  
2 in politics and remained a popular figure in the Republican Party  
3 throughout his life; and

4 WHEREAS, Congressman Price was a longtime member of the First  
5 Baptist Church and Pampa Masonic Lodge No. 966 A.F. & A.M.; a former  
6 member of the Downtown Kiwanis Club, he also held membership in the  
7 El Paso Scottish Rite Consistory, Khiva Shrine Temple of Amarillo,  
8 and the Pampa Shrine Club; and

9 WHEREAS, Recognized for his sense of humor, strength of  
10 conviction, and dedication to public service, Bob Price sought to  
11 make a positive difference in the lives of others, and he leaves  
12 behind a legacy of achievement that will surely inspire those who  
13 will follow in his footsteps; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Robert  
16 D. Price and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:  
17 to his wife, Marty Price; to his son, Carl Price; to his daughter,  
18 Janice Johnson; to his brother, Ben Price, Jr.; and to the many  
19 other relatives and friends of this esteemed gentleman; and, be it  
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert D.  
24 Price.