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H.R. No. 122

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived tempers
2 the profound sadness the passing of former State Representative
3 Chris Semos, at age 68, brought to his family and friends and all
4 who knew of him; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in 1936, Mr. Semos attended Highland Park
6 schools before going abroad to the Anglo-American School in Athens,
7 Greece; he graduated from Southern Methodist University with a
8 degree in business administration and joined the family business,
9 his father's Oak Cliff restaurant, the Torch, where he worked in
10 nearly every position from busboy to manager; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Semos was elected to eight terms in the Texas
12 Legislature, and while serving as a state representative, he became
13 known as the Father of the Sesquicentennial for his work in behalf
14 of the 150th anniversary of Texas independence in 1986; after
15 leaving the legislature, he was elected to the Dallas County
16 Commissioners Court and represented the southwestern portion of the
17 county until 1994; and

18 WHEREAS, After serving as an elected official, Mr. Semos
19 continued to be actively involved in the welfare of his community;
20 he devoted his time to a number of worthy organizations, including
21 Methodist Hospitals of Dallas, the National Conference of
22 Christians and Jews, the World Affairs Council of Greater Dallas,
23 the American Hellenic Educational and Progressive Association, and
24 the Parkland Hospital Foundation; he was chairman emeritus of

1 Baylor College of Dentistry and served on the boards of the North
2 Central Texas Council of Governments, the Greater Dallas Council of
3 Churches, the Oak Cliff Chamber of Commerce, and the Dallas
4 Restaurant Association; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1994, Mr. Semos received the Samaritan Award from
6 Dallas Baptist University for his efforts to improve educational
7 opportunities and economic stability in Oak Cliff, and he received
8 the Oak Cliff Lions Club Humanitarian of the Year award in 2004; and

9 WHEREAS, An accomplished and caring man, Mr. Semos tirelessly
10 worked to improve the lives of his neighbors in Oak Cliff and
11 throughout Dallas County and the surrounding area, and his memory
12 continues to be cherished by all those who were privileged to know
13 him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Chris Semos
16 and extend deepest sympathies to the members of his family: to his
17 wife, Anastasia; to his daughters, Mary Katherine, Victoria Evelyn,
18 and Kristina Anastasia; and to the many other relatives and friends
19 of this esteemed public servant and businessman; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of former
23 State Representative Chris Semos.