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H.R. No. 253

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may help to comfort the family and
3 friends of William Frank Crocker of Galveston County, who died on
4 January 26, 2005, at the age of 73; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on October 18, 1931, Frank Crocker bravely
6 served his country as a member of the U.S. Navy from 1950 to 1954
7 during the Korean War; and

8 WHEREAS, After earning a master's degree in education from
9 Stephen F. Austin State College in 1957, this influential educator
10 began his career teaching English for the Dickinson Independent
11 School District; throughout the next four decades, he ably served a
12 number of schools as principal and business manager, and, for 27
13 years, distinguished himself as director of instruction for DISD;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Although he attempted retirement, his devotion to
16 the children of Texas led him to work as a consultant for Galveston
17 County Children's Protective Services for two years and brought him
18 back into the classroom as a sixth grade teacher at the Shrine of
19 True Cross School in Dickinson, where he implemented several
20 programs that are still in practice today; and

21 WHEREAS, In addition to his dedication to the education and
22 welfare of young people, Mr. Crocker gave graciously of his time and
23 talents to a variety of notable civic organizations and boards,
24 including the public library board, the Optimist Club, the

1 Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce, the Dickinson Rotary Club, and
2 the board of the Galveston County Water Control and Improvement
3 District No. 1, which he served on for 18 years; he was also a
4 longtime member of the First Baptist Church of Dickinson; and

5 WHEREAS, A man of many talents and interests, Mr. Crocker
6 enjoyed square dancing with his beloved wife, Tommie, photographing
7 weddings and graduations, and taking family portraits; moreover, he
8 was the official photographer for the Houston Square and Round
9 Dance Council for nine years and the photographer for the State of
10 Texas Square Dancers for one year; and

11 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Frank Crocker
12 will remember his zest for life and his love of family and
13 community, and although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will
14 live on in his innumerable contributions as an educator and in the
15 memories of his loved ones; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of William Frank
18 Crocker and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
19 his wife, Tommie Crocker; to his daughter, Phyllis Rogers and her
20 husband, Lee; to his son, Tim Crocker and his wife, Lori; to his
21 grandchildren, Christopher and Matthew Keele and Lauren Crocker; to
22 his great-grandchild, Brett Keele; and to his other relatives and
23 friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William
27 Frank Crocker.