

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A loving family and good friends celebrate the life
2 and mourn the passing of William Holland Rutherford, Jr., of El
3 Paso, who died on July 25, 2004, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Rutherford was born on May 14, 1927, and began a
5 nearly 30-year tenure with the U.S. Armed Forces when he joined the
6 U.S. Navy during World War II; he switched to the U.S. Army and
7 served his country in both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and retired
8 from the military in 1971 as a command sergeant major; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, he was a
10 patrol sergeant with the El Paso County Sheriff's Department before
11 becoming the first chief of police for the newly incorporated
12 Horizon City, a position he held until his retirement 10 years
13 later; and

14 WHEREAS, This community-minded individual was actively
15 involved with a number of civic organizations, each of which
16 greatly benefited from his participation; a charter and life member
17 of VFW Post 10354 and a member of American Legion Post 0598, he also
18 gave of his time and talents to Lions and Kiwanis Clubs, the El
19 Maida Shrine Temple, and John T. Bean Masonic Lodge 1333, and he had
20 been the volunteer director of Oz Glaze Senior Citizens Center in
21 Horizon City; and

22 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known William Holland
23 Rutherford, Jr., will remember his love of family and community;
24 although his presence is gone from us now, his spirit lives on in

1 the hearts of the many people who were fortunate to know him; now,
2 therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of William
5 Holland Rutherford, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members
6 of his family: to his wife, Bessie Marie; to his sons, William and
7 Dennis; to his daughters, Christine, Brenda, and Tracy; to his
8 brothers, Richard, Joseph, and John; to his sister, Diane; to his
9 grandchildren, Tracy, Trix, Dennis, William, Roy, Percy, Brian,
10 Josef, Jimmy, Lorinda, Michelle, Michael, and Korina; to his
11 great-grandchildren, Brandon, Kevin, Meagan, Alex, Ramsey, Antony,
12 Bailey, Ryan, Sophia, Hendrick, Ashley, Alex, Emily, Kayla,
13 Savannah, Cheyanne, and Jordyn; and to the other family and friends
14 of this beloved man; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of William
18 Holland Rutherford, Jr.

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Craddick	Geren	Menendez
Allen of Harris	Giddings	Merritt
Allen of Dallas	Gonzales	Miller
Alonzo	Gonzalez Toureilles	Moreno of Harris
Anchia	Goodman	Moreno of El Paso
Anderson	Goolsby	Morrison
Bailey	Griggs	Mowery
Baxter	Grusendorf	Naishtat
Berman	Guillen	Nixon
Blake	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hamric	Olivo
Branch	Hardcastle	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Paxton
Burnam	Hegar	Pena
Callegari	Herrero	Phillips
Campbell	Hilderbran	Pickett
Casteel	Hill	Pitts
Castro	Hochberg	Puente
Chavez	Hodge	Quintanilla
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Coleman	Hope	Reyna
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Colorado	Howard	Ritter
Corte	Hughes	Rodriguez
Crabb	Hunter	Rose
Crownover	Hupp	Seaman
Davis of Harris	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	Jackson	Smith of Harris
Dawson	Jones of Lubbock	Smithee
Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Denny	Keel	Solomons
Deshotel	Keffer of Dallas	Strama
Driver	Keffer of Eastland	Straus
Dukes	King of Parker	Swinford
Dunnam	King of Zavala	Talton
Dutton	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Edwards	Krusee	Thompson
Eiland	Kuempel	Truitt
Eissler	Laney	Turner
Elkins	Laubenberg	Uresti
Escobar	Leibowitz	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Luna	Veasey
Farrar	Madden	Villarreal
Flores	Martinez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez Fischer	West
Frost	McCall	Wong
Gallego	McClendon	Woolley
Gattis	McReynolds	Zedler

H.R. No. 280

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 280 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 24, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House