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H.R. No. 280

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.