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H.R. No. 435

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of former Kerr County sheriff Clifton
2 "Cliff" A. Greeson on November 2, 2004, at the age of 79, brought a
3 profound loss to the family and many friends of this beloved
4 gentleman; and

5 WHEREAS, Born to Cilvie E. and Effie Alice Allen Greeson on
6 December 20, 1924, in Garland, he attended schools in Coleman and
7 Kerrville before joining the armed forces in 1943; and

8 WHEREAS, Over the ensuing eight years, Mr. Greeson valiantly
9 served his country as a member of both the U.S. Army and U.S. Air
10 Force; a radar operator in World War II and the leader of a radar
11 team in the Korean War, he was awarded a total of 11 combat
12 decorations for his meritorious service, each ribbon a testament to
13 his bravery and his devotion to the ideals of freedom and democracy;
14 and

15 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life and his
16 graduation from the Dallas Police Training School and the
17 Southwestern Police Academy, Mr. Greeson joined the Dallas Police
18 Department in 1955 as a patrolman, beginning an exceptional career
19 in law enforcement that would span more than three decades; as a
20 police officer in Dallas, he rose swiftly through the ranks,
21 eventually earning the position of lieutenant in the Patrol and
22 Criminal Investigation Divisions; during his tenure with the
23 department, he garnered five Certificates of Merit, an Award of
24 Merit, and the Award of Honor; and

1 WHEREAS, After leaving the police force in Dallas, Mr.
2 Greeson operated his own private investigative and security
3 business, worked as a deputy sheriff in Bandera County, and served
4 as district attorney investigator for the 216th Judicial District
5 in Kerrville; he assumed the office of Kerr County Sheriff in 1983
6 and served in that post with the utmost integrity until his
7 retirement in 1989; and

8 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Greeson turned his hand to
9 creative writing, and his work included a published collection of
10 short stories; and

11 WHEREAS, A loving husband to the late Billie Greeson, Mr.
12 Greeson was also the devoted father of Shirley Dupree and Danny
13 Hooker and the proud grandfather of Rodney and Randy Hooker; and

14 WHEREAS, Cliff Greeson dedicated his life to the protection
15 of his fellow citizens, and he earned the lasting respect and
16 admiration of all who were privileged to know him; although he will
17 be greatly missed, his legacy will live on in the hearts of those
18 whose lives he so richly blessed; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Clifton
21 "Cliff" A. Greeson and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
22 family: to his daughter, Shirley Dupree; to his son, Danny Hooker;
23 to his daughter-in-law, Sandra Hooker; to his grandchildren, Rodney
24 and Randy Hooker; to his brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and
25 Glenda Greeson; to his niece, Shelley Walters; to his nephew, Allen
26 Greeson; to his dear friend, Sonja Blackstock; and to all who mourn
27 his passing; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
3 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Clifton
4 "Cliff" A. Greeson.