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H.R. No. 604

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 comfort the family and friends of
3 Sidney Walker Cowan, Jr., of Del Rio, who died on February 21, 2004,
4 at the age of 67; and

5 WHEREAS, Sid Cowan was born in El Paso to Elizabeth Bean and
6 Sidney Walker Cowan, Sr., on March 14, 1936; reared throughout West
7 Texas, he learned the value of hard work at his father's gas
8 distribution company and his uncle's farm and ranch; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his graduation from Fort Hancock High
10 School, he studied at Texas Tech University and later graduated
11 from New Mexico A&M University in Las Cruces; and

12 WHEREAS, While this esteemed Texan enjoyed his newfound
13 career as a buyer for Swift and Company, he longed for the farms and
14 ranches of his youth and returned to West Texas in 1959 to join his
15 father as a partner in Circle C Ranches; a decade later, he took on a
16 second job as a federal crop inspector and was eventually promoted
17 to the position of assistant state director for the Federal Crop
18 Insurance Program in Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, The 1970s saw another career change for Mr. Cowan;
20 inspired by his uncle, an attorney, he moved his family to San
21 Antonio, where he worked a full-time job while earning his juris
22 doctorate from St. Mary's Law School; after his graduation, he was
23 employed as an assistant district attorney for Bexar County and
24 later worked with a private law firm before founding Cowan & Cowan

1 in Del Rio with his son, David; and

2 WHEREAS, Never forgetting his roots, Mr. Cowan was a champion
3 of the working man and a lifelong member of the Democratic party,
4 which he served as a precinct chair and election judge; in
5 recognition of his service, he was named the 1998 Val Verde County
6 Democratic Party's Democrat of the Year; and

7 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Sid Cowan will
8 remember his zest for life and his love of family and community;
9 although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will live on in the
10 hearts of those whose lives he so richly blessed; now, therefore, be
11 it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Sidney Walker
14 Cowan, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
15 family: to his sons, David Clay Cowan and his wife, Dolores, James
16 Breck Cowan, and John Paul Cowan and his wife, Cindy; to his
17 grandchildren, Joshua, Courtney, Amanda, James, Sydney, Lauren,
18 Jeffrey, and Nathan Cowan and Bailey, Valerie, and Alexis Smith; to
19 his son-in-law, Charles Smith; and to the other relatives and many
20 friends of this much-loved man; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sidney
24 Walker Cowan, Jr.