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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 Norris Starkey of Jacksonville, who passed away on February 12,
4 2005, at the age of 85; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Grapeland on December 21, 1919, Mr. Starkey
6 played football for both Lon Morris College and Stephen F. Austin
7 University, earning bachelor's and master's degrees from the
8 latter; and

9 WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan enjoyed a successful and
10 challenging career in education; a superintendent of schools in
11 Hudson, Malakoff, Timpson, Madisonville, Sulphur Springs, and
12 Jacksonville, he ably served the youth of the Lone Star State and
13 earned the lasting respect and admiration of teachers and students
14 alike; and

15 WHEREAS, Active in his community, he was a member of the Lions
16 and Rotary Clubs and a 32nd-degree Mason; and

17 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Norris Starkey
18 will remember him with respect and admiration; although he will be
19 greatly missed, his memory will long live on in the hearts of those
20 whose lives he so richly blessed; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Norris
23 Starkey and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
24 his wife of 62 years, Inez Weesner Starkey; to his daughter and

1 son-in-law, Suzanne and David Townsend; to his daughter-in-law, Kay
2 Starkey; to his granddaughter, Lesley Bolton; to his brothers, Gene
3 and Billy Starkey; to his sisters, Sarah Jane Platt and Betty Nell
4 Vance; and to the other relatives and many friends of this beloved
5 man; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Norris
9 Starkey.