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H.R. No. 911

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Charles W. Stenholm, who served 26  
2 years in the United States House of Representatives, has rendered  
3 exceptional service to the State of Texas and to this nation; and

4           WHEREAS, First elected to the house in 1978, Charlie Stenholm  
5 represented the 17th Congressional District, which embraced 32  
6 counties stretching from North Central to West Texas; and

7           WHEREAS, A farmer as well as a legislator, Congressman  
8 Stenholm served on the House Committee on Agriculture throughout  
9 his tenure on Capitol Hill, and for eight years he held the position  
10 of ranking member; deeply knowledgeable about this vital sector of  
11 the American economy, he focused his efforts on expanding  
12 agricultural world trade, streamlining agricultural bureaucracy,  
13 boosting agricultural research, and meeting the needs of both  
14 producers and consumers of agricultural products; moreover, he  
15 played an instrumental role in writing five farm bills and  
16 developed legislation that reorganized the U.S. Department of  
17 Agriculture and reformed the nation's crop insurance program; and

18           WHEREAS, Congressman Stenholm consistently promoted fiscal  
19 responsibility and passed a balanced budget constitutional  
20 amendment in the House of the 104th Congress; in addition to his  
21 involvement in agricultural and budgetary policy, he served on the  
22 House Committee on Armed Services and led in such legislative  
23 arenas as health care, social security, welfare reform, juvenile  
24 justice, the protection of small businesses, and the restriction of

1 unfunded mandates; and

2           WHEREAS, Many times, when scheduling conflicts and the  
3 pressures of work prevented him from attending various functions,  
4 his wife, Cindy, ably filled his boots, speaking and meeting with  
5 constituents throughout the district; and

6           WHEREAS, Congressman Stenholm, a third-generation Texan,  
7 personified the district he represented, a region whose  
8 values--respect for integrity, common sense, and hard work--form  
9 the bedrock of this state, and it is a pleasure to recognize him for  
10 his exemplary public service; now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the Honorable Charles W. Stenholm  
13 for his outstanding achievements during 13 terms in the United  
14 States House of Representatives and extend to him profound  
15 appreciation for his immeasurable contributions to this country and  
16 the Lone Star State; and, be it further

17           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for Congressman Stenholm as an expression of high regard  
19 by the Texas House of Representatives.