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H.R. No. 926

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 esteemed civic leader Manly Ward Cooper, Jr., of Kerrville, who
4 died on March 8, 2005; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on May 30, 1923, Mr. Cooper was a resident of
6 Kerrville for 78 of his 81 years; a graduate of Louisiana Tech, he
7 bravely served his country with the United States Marine Corps in
8 both World War II and the Korean War before retiring as a captain;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, he continued
11 his education at Texas Tech University and entered the retail
12 business when his family purchased The Vogue, a specialty shop for
13 women; he also operated The Vogue Inn Shop and The Vogue at River
14 Oaks; and

15 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan was devoted to his community and
16 served Kerrville as a city councilman for more than 14 years and as
17 its mayor six times in four decades; during his tenure in office, he
18 was instrumental in improving the city's water and sewage systems,
19 widening streets, rebuilding the Louise Hays Park Dam, developing
20 and building the Municipal Auditorium, and improving parks, among
21 numerous accomplishments; and

22 WHEREAS, He further distinguished himself as chair of the
23 Kerrville-Kerr County Airport board, president of the Kerrville
24 Kiwanis Club, and a board member of Hilltop Village and the Kerr

1 County Industrial Foundation; a faithful congregant of First United
2 Methodist Church, he was also involved with the Riverwalk Study
3 Committee and the Kerrville Jaycees; in addition, this dedicated
4 member of the Junior Chamber of Commerce was honored with the Key
5 Man award, the organization's highest honor; and

6 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Manly Cooper
7 will remember his zest for life and his love of family and
8 community; although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will live
9 on in his many contributions to the city of Kerrville as well as in
10 the hearts of his loved ones; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Manly Ward
13 Cooper, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his
14 family: to his wife, Janie Melton Cooper; to his son, Douglas
15 Michael Cooper; to his grandchildren, Tyler and Erin Cooper; to his
16 stepchildren, Kimberly and Bill Abel, Bill H. Melton and Agi
17 Bariss, George and Glo Melton, Gaynor and Tony Banham, and Allison
18 and James Garner; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
19 further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
22 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Manly
23 Ward Cooper, Jr.