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H.R. No. 1211

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of former El Paso mayor  
2 Thomas D. Westfall were deeply saddened by his passing on March 8,  
3 2005, at the age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, During his tenure as mayor from 1979 to 1981, Mr.  
5 Westfall became known for his honest and direct manner and his  
6 genuine dedication to the betterment of the community; he brought  
7 to his office a wealth of experience, having served in the Marines  
8 during World War II, earned a law degree from the University of  
9 Illinois, and spent a career working for the federal government;  
10 and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Westfall was employed for 26 years as a special  
12 agent and executive for the FBI, and following his retirement from  
13 the bureau in 1970, he moved to El Paso, where he became involved in  
14 politics; and

15           WHEREAS, A valued contributor to civic life, this dedicated  
16 public servant was active in numerous organizations during his time  
17 in Texas, including the El Paso County Historical Society, the El  
18 Paso Archaeological Society, the El Paso Museum of Art, and the  
19 Downtown Rotary Club of El Paso, and he also played a key role in the  
20 founding of the El Paso Archaeological Museum; and

21           WHEREAS, Although Tom Westfall will long be missed, his  
22 achievements in the public sector will continue to resonate through  
23 the years, for he made a host of positive contributions to the  
24 greater community; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
2           Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas D. Westfall and  
3           extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
4           Margie Westfall; to his daughter, Rebecca Dale Westfall; to his  
5           grandchildren; and to his other family members and friends; and, be  
6           it further

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