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H.R. No. 1402

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Taylor lost a beloved civic leader,
2 neighbor, and friend with the passing of Jerry Leroy Mehevec on
3 February 19, 2005, at the age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Mehevec was born in Chicago on August 31, 1940;
5 he served his country with distinction in the United States Air
6 Force and held a notable tenure with Alcoa for 20 years before his
7 retirement; and

8 WHEREAS, A respected and active member of his community, Mr.
9 Mehevec was elected to the position of Williamson County
10 Commissioner, Precinct 4, in 1978, and he won reelection four times
11 to serve his fellow residents in that capacity for two decades; his
12 outstanding efforts in behalf of his hometown earned him the
13 prestigious Straight Arrow Award from Common Cause of Williamson
14 County; and

15 WHEREAS, Dedicated to safeguarding the environment, he
16 gained a CAPCO grant to start the county's recycling program, was a
17 charter member of Keep Taylor Beautiful, and had a well-known
18 personal philosophy to never pass up a piece of litter; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Mehevec was also a charter member of Turn Around
20 Taylor, a group that works diligently to eradicate drugs from local
21 neighborhoods and heighten awareness of safety and other concerns
22 relating to abandoned houses; he was also a valued congregant at
23 Taylor Brethren Church, where he served on the Mission Board; and

24 WHEREAS, Among his many worthy endeavors, this committed

1 public servant helped to organize work crews and traveled to
2 foreign countries to build hospitals, schools, and churches,
3 participated in a ministry for shut-ins, and volunteered with Meals
4 on Wheels; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Mehevec was blessed with unshakable strength and
6 an indomitable spirit that enabled him to bravely battle lung
7 cancer; even while under great strain, he continued to demonstrate
8 extraordinary kindness, helping to organize the Emergency Cancer
9 Relief Fund to ease financial stress for those in need who suffer
10 from this terrible illness; and

11 WHEREAS, A man of rare integrity, compassion, and generosity,
12 Jerry Mehevec dedicated his life to serving others, and his legacy
13 of good works will continue to benefit countless individuals for
14 years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
16 Legislature hereby honor the life of Jerry Leroy Mehevec and extend
17 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Anne
18 Mehevec; to his daughter, Stacy Skrhak and her husband, Randy; to
19 his son, Adam Mehevec and his wife, Monica; to his grandson, Dylan
20 Mehevec; to his aunt, Annie Mucha; to his mother-in-law, Pauline
21 Buenger; and to his many friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jerry Leroy
25 Mehevec.