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H.R. No. 1842

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of Curtis J. Cook of
3 Harris County on February 16, 2004, brought to all who knew and
4 loved him; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Oregon State University, where he
6 earned his civil engineering degree, Mr. Cook served as a volunteer
7 firefighter in Oregon and then joined Shell Oil Company in Los
8 Angeles, California; when the company transferred him to Houston in
9 1974, he immediately became involved with the Spring Volunteer
10 Fire Department (VFD); and

11 WHEREAS, He was a founding member of the Ponderosa VFD in 1976
12 and served as president of the Harris County Emergency Services
13 District #28 and as president of the Ponderosa system; in addition,
14 he was a founder and served as president of the Harris County
15 Association of Fire and EMS Districts; and

16 WHEREAS, An exceptional leader, Mr. Cook was instrumental in
17 the enactment of emergency services district statutes and in
18 updating statutes affecting annexations; moreover, he participated
19 in the efforts in support of legislation that allowed for the
20 formation of the North Harris County Regional Water Authority; and

21 WHEREAS, A man with a fun sense of humor, he was also a great
22 lover of nature who enjoyed spending time fishing and hunting, and
23 he traveled extensively across the United States and in Mexico and
24 Canada; and

1 WHEREAS, Curt Cook always stood up for what he believed in,
2 and he made incalculable contributions to his community and in the
3 lives of his friends and family; all who knew him will forever be
4 thankful for his friendship; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Curtis J. Cook and
7 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
8 Anita; to his daughters, Lauri and Kim; to his sons, Randy and Jeff;
9 to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and to his other
10 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Curtis J.
14 Cook.