

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived tempers  
2 the profound sadness that the passing of Robert Stewart Shake, on  
3 July 9, 2004, brought to his friends and family; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Peoria, Illinois, in 1938, Mr. Shake served  
5 in the U.S. Army, attended Texas A&M University, and studied with an  
6 electrician's apprenticeship program; he eventually became active  
7 in the electrical workers' union and nurtured a burgeoning interest  
8 in politics; in the 1970s, this hardworking man was instrumental in  
9 establishing a regional licensing program for the electrical  
10 workers in the Rio Grande Valley; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Shake was a lifelong member of the Democratic  
12 Party who was admired by his colleagues for his dedication to labor  
13 needs and the issues facing working families; he was the business  
14 manager at the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers  
15 Local Union 278 (IBEW), a position he held for 12 years, and he had  
16 also served the union as organizer, president, executive board  
17 member, joint apprenticeship and training committee member,  
18 delegate to the Texas State Association of Electrical Workers,  
19 delegate to the 35th and 36th IBEW International Convention,  
20 delegate and president of the Coastal Bend Labor Council,  
21 secretary-treasurer of the South Texas Building and Trades Council,  
22 and a member of the Supervisory Committee of the Local Union 278  
23 Federal Credit Union; Mr. Shake was an original member of the  
24 Workforce Development Board and was appointed by the city council

1 to serve on the Electrical Advisory Board in 1999; and

2 WHEREAS, An avid history buff, this determined advocate loved  
3 antique trains and cars, and always surprised his friends and  
4 family with his knowledge of interesting facts and figures; he was a  
5 fun-loving man, quick with a joke to brighten the days of those  
6 around him, while always working tirelessly to improve the lives of  
7 his fellow workers in South Texas; Robert Shake's memory continues  
8 to be cherished by all those who were privileged to know him; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Robert  
12 Stewart Shake and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his  
13 family: to his wife, Linda; to his sons, Robert and Matthew; to his  
14 daughter, Sara; to his sisters, Myrl Bishop and Jean Ann Sykes; and  
15 to the many other relatives and friends of this esteemed gentleman;  
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert  
20 Stewart Shake.

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H.R. No. 2285

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2285 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 30, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House