

By: Homer

H.C.R. No. 65

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Joe Farris Shelton of Paris on  
2 January 23, 2007, deeply saddened the family and many friends of  
3 this beloved Texan and World War II veteran; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on February 22, 1924, in Roxton, to Clyde  
5 Oakland and Tommie Farris Shelton, Mr. Shelton enlisted in the U.S.  
6 Army Air Corps and served as a radio gunner in the 43rd Bomber  
7 Division of the 5th Air Force during World War II; on June 18, 1950,  
8 he married the former Callie Ann Ayres in Paris, and their union was  
9 blessed with four children; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Shelton, who had attended Paris Junior College  
11 prior to his military service, worked as a manufacturer's  
12 representative in apparel markets in Dallas, New Orleans, Memphis,  
13 and New York City; and

14           WHEREAS, A valued member of the Paris community, this devoted  
15 husband and father was a member of Our Lady of Victory Catholic  
16 Church; in his spare time, he enjoyed playing golf; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Shelton touched the lives of countless  
18 individuals during his time in this world; he will be greatly  
19 missed, but his spirit will always shine brightly in the hearts of  
20 his loved ones; now, therefore, be it

21           RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
22 hereby pay tribute to the life of Joe Farris Shelton and extend  
23 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of 56  
24 years, Callie Ann Shelton; to his four children and their spouses,

1 Lou Ann and Walter Bassano, Brad and Gwen Ann Shelton, Alice and  
2 Dr. Ray Jones, and Laura and Gary Jack; to his seven grandchildren,  
3 Walt Bassano, Katy Bassano, Scott Shelton and his wife, Taryn,  
4 Julie Shelton, Ben Barnett and his wife, Rebecca, Chris Jack, and  
5 Callie Jack; to his sister, Clydelle Westbrook; to his three  
6 sisters-in-law, Pat Shelton, Jean Cook, and Mary Wallace; to his  
7 brother-in-law, Bill Ayres and his wife, Virginia; to his close  
8 friend, Zoe Raines; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be  
9 it further

10           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
13 Joe Farris Shelton.