

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The Paris community lost a beloved native son on  
2 December 23, 2006, when Richard Lamoine Cunningham passed away; and

3           WHEREAS, Born on December 24, 1939, to Aubrey C. Cunningham  
4 and Nelma Maurine Favors Cunningham, Dick Cunningham attended Paris  
5 Junior College and then went to West Texas State University in  
6 Canyon on a football scholarship; after college, he entered the  
7 Texas Department of Public Safety Academy and embarked on a  
8 distinguished 28-year career as a state trooper that included  
9 numerous commendations and his commission as a Special Texas  
10 Ranger; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Cunningham was a devoted husband to the former  
12 Virginia Ruth Murray, whom he married on December 28, 1968; their  
13 union was blessed with two children, and they shared in the joy of  
14 welcoming into their family two grandsons and two  
15 great-grandchildren; and

16           WHEREAS, This valued member of the Paris community attended  
17 Oak Park United Methodist Church for many years; he belonged to  
18 Masonic Lodge No. 27 for 34 years and was a 32nd Degree Mason; and

19           WHEREAS, An outdoors enthusiast, Mr. Cunningham enjoyed  
20 camping, fishing, and hunting, and he traveled to Colorado for more  
21 than 20 annual deer hunts; he also loved to play dominoes and ride  
22 motorcycles with his friends through the countryside; and

23           WHEREAS, While the absence of this cherished husband, father,  
24 and friend is painful and difficult to endure, some measure of

1 comfort may be found in the certain knowledge that his spirit will  
2 shine brightly in the hearts of countless individuals whose lives  
3 he touched; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
5 hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard Lamoine Cunningham and  
6 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
7 Virginia; to his son, Lewis Randall Cunningham and his wife, Kathi;  
8 to his daughter, Charlotte Jeanne Cunningham; to his grandsons,  
9 Jeremy Cunningham and his wife, Crystal, and Micah Cunningham; to  
10 his great-grandchildren, Mason and Trilby Cunningham; to his  
11 brother, Tony Cunningham and his wife, Leslie; to his  
12 brothers-in-law, Charles Murray and his wife, Grace, and Jay Murray  
13 and his wife, Pat; to his nephews, Clay Cunningham, Clint  
14 Cunningham, Josh Price, and Larry Murray; to his nieces, Lana  
15 Caldwell and Stefnie Baumann; and to his other relatives and many  
16 friends; 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 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
20 Richard Lamoine Cunningham.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 105 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 20, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 105 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on February 26, 2007.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor