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H.C.R. No. 105

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.