

By: Homer

H.C.R. No. 160

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The city of Paris lost an esteemed citizen with the  
2 passing of Robert Bruce Staples, Jr., on March 4, 2007, at the age  
3 of 75; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on May 17, 1931, Mr. Staples was the  
5 son of Robert, Sr., and Esther Shannon Staples; he attended and  
6 graduated from Paris High School, Paris Junior College, and East  
7 Texas State University; and

8           WHEREAS, On April 7, 1951, he was united in matrimony with the  
9 former Norma Lawrence, and together they shared many happy times  
10 during their 56-year union; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Staples ably served his country during the  
12 Korean War as a member of the U.S. Air Force; after completing his  
13 military service, he enjoyed a 40-year career as a chartered life  
14 underwriter with Southwestern Life Insurance and New England  
15 (Metropolitan Life) Insurance companies; and

16           WHEREAS, A dedicated civic leader as well, this respected  
17 gentleman was an active member of the Rotary Club of Greater Paris,  
18 served on the Planning and Zoning Committee, and provided  
19 leadership as a member of the Paris Junior College Memorial  
20 Foundation Board; he practiced his faith as a congregant at East  
21 Paris Baptist Church and during his lifetime was honored with the  
22 Junior Chamber of Commerce Distinguished Service Award; and

23           WHEREAS, Robert Staples lived a caring and purposeful life,  
24 and although he is deeply missed, he leaves behind a legacy to

1 treasure for those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

2         RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas  
3 hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Bruce Staples, Jr., and  
4 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
5 Norma Staples; to his daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Joe  
6 Weber; to his sons and daughters-in-law, Bruce and Patti Staples  
7 and Larry and Leah Staples; to his grandchildren, Clint Weber and  
8 his wife, Heather, Julie Weber, Anna Staples, Robert Staples, Eric  
9 Evenson, and Shala O'Neal; to his great-grandchildren, Elizabeth  
10 Weber, Cortney and Crystal O'Neal, and Trent, Kaleb, and Kameron  
11 Evenson; to his sister, Sandra Christian; and to his other  
12 relatives and friends; and, be it further

13         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
16 Robert Bruce Staples, Jr.