

By: Gallego

H.C.R. No. 163

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a dedicated public servant,
2 rancher, and businessman with the death of the Honorable Stillman
3 Dudley Harrison of Sanderson on November 25, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on September 4, 1929, in San Antonio, Dudley
5 Harrison was raised in Terrell County, where he developed a love for
6 the distinctive landscape of West Texas; as an adult, he continued
7 in the tradition of his pioneer ranching parents, Wilma and John
8 Harrison, and operated a ranch for much of his life; a skilled
9 entrepreneur as well, he also owned and operated several
10 businesses, including Dudley's Texaco Service Station, the
11 partnership Rio Grande Distributors, a Ford and Mercury dealership
12 known as Dudley Motors, and Harrison Stone Quarry; and

13 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan tirelessly supported his
14 community as both a member and leader of numerous organizations,
15 including the Lions Club, the Terrell County Independent School
16 District, the Permian Basin Regional Planning Council, West Texas
17 Centers for MHMR, the Chihuahuan Desert Research Institute, and Big
18 Bend National Park and Rio Grande Wild and Scenic River Management
19 Plan, to name but a few; and

20 WHEREAS, In 1982, Mr. Harrison took his passion for public
21 service to the state level, earning election to the Texas House of
22 Representatives for the 68th Legislative Session; subsequently
23 reelected three times, he was a valued member of several house
24 committees, including County Affairs, State Affairs, and

1 Appropriations, and he chaired the House Agriculture and Livestock
2 Committee for two terms; in addition, he was a member of the
3 Governor's Task Force on Waste Management, the Task Force for Tort
4 Law Reform, and the Mexican American Caucus; drawing on his
5 experience as a West Texas rancher and conservationist, he also
6 distinguished himself as a house expert on water rights; and

7 WHEREAS, Following his legislative service, Mr. Harrison
8 continued to work for the citizens of Terrell County as county judge
9 from 1992 through 2002, helping implement several important
10 projects such as an upgrade of the local airport, a sewer system and
11 sanitation facility, and a regional workshop on nature tourism; his
12 leadership also helped the county obtain numerous grants, including
13 one that made possible the development of high-speed Internet
14 access in the area; moreover, he and his son-in-law, the late Bill
15 Golden, were instrumental in creating the Big Bend Open Road Race,
16 an annual auto racing event held on U.S. Highway 285; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison shared 56 years of marriage with his
18 wife, Doris, and the couple were blessed with four children, seven
19 grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, Dudley Harrison served his fellow Texans with
21 generosity, enthusiasm, and steadfast commitment, and he will long
22 be remembered for his efforts to make Terrell County, and indeed all
23 of the Lone Star State, a better place in which to live; now,
24 therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
26 hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Stillman Dudley
27 Harrison and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:

1 to his wife, Doris Harrison; to his children, Robie Golden, Damon
2 Harrison, Maje Arthur and her husband, Tommy, and Amy Harrison and
3 her husband, Mac Schmidt; to his grandchildren, Traci Adame, Jeremy
4 and Micah Harrison, Jon Tom and Lyndee Lowrance, and Sara and
5 Clayton Schmidt; to his great-grandchildren; and to his other
6 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That the 80th Legislature of the State of Texas
8 hereby instruct the Texas Department of Transportation to designate
9 the portion of U.S. Highway 90 within the boundaries of Sanderson as
10 the Stillman Dudley Harrison Memorial Highway; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That official copies of this resolution be prepared
12 for his family and the chair of the Texas Transportation Commission
13 and that when the Texas House of Representatives and Senate adjourn
14 this day, they do so in memory of Stillman Dudley Harrison.