

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The distinguished career of a longtime public  
2 servant came to a close when the Honorable Donald Clyde Creager  
3 stepped down from his position as county judge for Loving County in  
4 December 2006; and

5           WHEREAS, The longest-serving county judge in Texas, Judge  
6 Creager was an elected official for more than four decades; he began  
7 his service to the residents of Loving County after winning  
8 election to the commissioners court in 1962, and he held that office  
9 until 1973, when he was appointed as the replacement for the  
10 retiring county judge; this began his 33-year tenure presiding over  
11 the commissioners court, with county voters repeatedly returning  
12 him to office; and

13           WHEREAS, This enterprising leader has overseen a number of  
14 important initiatives during his years as county judge; he helped  
15 secure the restoration of the historic courthouse in Mentone in the  
16 late 1970s and has worked with the commissioners to add and renovate  
17 essential facilities and equipment; in addition, he championed the  
18 successful effort to pipe water to township residents and an  
19 ongoing project to provide water to all households in the county;  
20 and

21           WHEREAS, An important voice on the Permian Basin Regional  
22 Planning Commission for 18 years, Judge Creager served as the  
23 secretary-treasurer of the organization's board of directors in  
24 1996, vice-chairman in 1997, and chairman in 1998 and has also been

1 a member of the board of directors for the Texas Association of  
2 Regional Councils; his other civic and professional activities have  
3 included committee assignments for the County Judges and  
4 Commissioners Association of Texas and an eight-year tenure on the  
5 board of trustees for the West Texas Centers for MHMR; and

6 WHEREAS, Donald Creager's committed service has benefited  
7 from the many years he has spent in West Texas; arriving in Loving  
8 County with his family as a teenager, he learned his first lessons  
9 in public service from his father, Earl O. Creager, who served as  
10 county judge; after a four-year tour of duty in the U.S. Air Force,  
11 Donald Creager returned to the Mentone area and with his wife,  
12 Leila, raised three daughters; and

13 WHEREAS, Inspired by an abiding concern for his fellow  
14 citizens, Judge Donald Creager has helped guide Loving County  
15 government for nearly a half-century, and he may reflect with  
16 justifiable pride on the legacy of achievement he has established;  
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
19 Legislature hereby honor Judge Donald Clyde Creager for his long  
20 and accomplished career as a commissioner and county judge in  
21 Loving County and extend to him best wishes for success in his  
22 future endeavors; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for Judge Creager as an expression of high regard from the  
25 Texas House of Representatives.

Gallego

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Allen	Geren	Miller
Alonzo	Giddings	Moreno
Anchia	Gonzales	Morrison
Anderson	Gonzalez Toureilles	Mowery
Aycock	Goolsby	Murphy
Bailey	Guillen	Naishtat
Berman	Haggerty	Noriega
Bohac	Hamilton	O'Day
Bolton	Hancock	Oliveira
Bonnen	Hardcastle	Olivo
Branch	Harless	Orr
Brown of Kaufman	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Brazos	Hartnett	Otto
Burnam	Heflin	Parker
Callegari	Hernandez	Patrick
Castro	Herrero	Paxton
Chavez	Hilderbran	Pena
Chisum	Hill	Phillips
Christian	Hochberg	Pickett
Cohen	Hodge	Pierson
Coleman	Homer	Pitts
Cook of Navarro	Hopson	Puente
Cook of Colorado	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Corte	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Crabb	Hughes	Riddle
Creighton	Isett	Ritter
Crownover	Jackson	Rodriguez
Darby	Jones	Rose
Davis of Harris	Keffer	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Parker	Smith of Harris
Delisi	King of Taylor	Smithee
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Solomons
Driver	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dukes	Krusee	Straus
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Latham	Talton
Eiland	Laubenberg	Taylor
Eissler	Leibowitz	Thompson
Elkins	Lucio III	Truitt
England	Macias	Turner
Escobar	Madden	Van Arsdale
Farabee	Mallory Caraway	Vaught
Farias	Martinez	Veasey
Farrar	Martinez Fischer	Villarreal
Flores	McCall	Vo
Flynn	McClendon	West
Frost	McReynolds	Woolley
Gallego	Menendez	Zedler
Garcia	Merritt	Zerwas

H.R. No. 56

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 56 was adopted by the House on April 5, 2007, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House