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H.R. No. 56

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.