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H.R. No. 121

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The long and productive life of a pioneering Texas
2 architect has drawn to a close with the passing of Daniel Boone of
3 Abilene on December 25, 2006, at the age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, Dan Boone was born in Waco on December 4, 1913, the
5 son of Harry Holmes Boone and Clara Whiteman Boone; he graduated
6 from high school in Fort Worth and was trained as an architect at
7 The University of Texas at Austin; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1943, Mr. Boone answered his country's call to
9 duty in World War II; commissioned as a captain in the United States
10 Army Corps of Engineers, he served a 30-month tour of duty in
11 Europe; and

12 WHEREAS, Following the war, he settled in Abilene and was
13 employed by architect David S. Castle; in 1956, Mr. Boone joined
14 with engineer William Pope to form the architectural firm of Boone
15 and Pope; over the next 30 years, the firm designed and built a
16 number of important buildings in West Texas, including the Abilene
17 City Hall, the Abilene Civic Center, the Taylor County Expo Center
18 Coliseum in Abilene, and the city's Mann and Madison Middle
19 Schools; Boone and Pope also designed significant buildings on the
20 campuses of McMurry University and Hardin-Simmons University; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Boone was highly respected in his profession,
22 serving as president of the Texas Society of Architects and
23 representing Texas on the American Institute of Architects Board of
24 Directors; he was also elected to the board of directors of the

1 National Council of Architectural Registration Boards and served
2 for a year as its president; in 1972, Dan Boone received the Pitts
3 Award from the Texas Society of Architects for distinguished
4 service to the profession, that organization's highest honor; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Boone is fondly remembered as an expert and
6 passionate fly fisherman, the veteran of many happy fishing
7 expeditions with his friends and family; Dan Boone was respected
8 for his fairness, honesty, and assured leadership, and his
9 contributions to West Texas architecture will stand as an enduring
10 example of professional excellence and integrity; now, therefore,
11 be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Daniel Boone and
14 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
15 wife, Mary Ellen; to his sons, Daniel and his wife, Ann, and Mark
16 and his wife, Julie; to his stepson, Logan Wilson; to his
17 grandchildren, Kade, Matthew, Rhoda, and William; to his
18 great-grandchildren, Ashley and Isabella; and to the other
19 relatives and friends of this talented architect; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Daniel
24 Boone.