

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may bring comfort to  
2 the family and friends of Matt John Karpan, who passed away on  
3 January 18, 2007, at the age of 93; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on January 25, 1913, near Albia, Iowa, Matt  
5 Karpan was the son of Croatian immigrants Ivan and Kata Karpan; he  
6 graduated from Albia High School in 1931 and later moved to southern  
7 California, where he worked at Lockheed Aircraft and studied  
8 photography; he returned to Iowa in the late 1940s and began a  
9 distinguished career as the vice president and director of  
10 purchasing of Waterloo Industries, Inc., helping the company become  
11 one of the world's largest manufacturers of roller cabinets and  
12 tool storage chests before retiring in 1983; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Karpan married the former Janet Claire Mevis on  
14 December 30, 1950, and the couple shared 56 years together,  
15 including more than two decades in Florida, where they lived their  
16 retirement to the fullest, golfing, attending cultural events, and  
17 spending time with dear friends; Mr. Karpan was especially proud of  
18 his golf record, which included hitting four holes in one, and he  
19 continued to enjoy a passion for photography; and

20           WHEREAS, A beloved husband, father, and grandfather, Matt  
21 Karpan inspired countless individuals with his enthusiasm,  
22 dedication, and verve, and although he will be greatly missed, he  
23 leaves behind a legacy that will be treasured by those who shared in  
24 his life; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
2   Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Matt John Karpan and  
3   extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
4   Janet Mevis Karpan; to his children, Kathy Perry and her husband,  
5   Justin Muir Perry, Marta Mattox and her husband, James Albon  
6   Mattox, and Julie Karpan and her husband, Jerry Holly; to his  
7   grandchildren, John Whitney Perry, Anne Muir Perry, Katherine Muir  
8   Perry, Matthew Alexander Perry, James Sterling Mattox, and Janet  
9   Mary Kathryn Mattox; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be  
10   it further

11           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12   prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
13   of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Matt  
14   John Karpan.

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Craddick	Gattis	Miles
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. 284

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 284 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 8, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House