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H.R. No. 284

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.