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H.R. No. 431

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The people of Temple have lost an esteemed  
2 businessman and civic leader with the passing of Dan Lewis  
3 Steakley, who died January 17, 2007, at the age of 94; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Waco on October 12, 1912, Mr. Steakley  
5 received his bachelor's degree from Simmons University and a  
6 master's degree from The University of Texas at Austin in 1936; he  
7 taught and coached tennis and debate in McAllen and Corpus Christi  
8 before volunteering for naval duty in 1942; and

9           WHEREAS, For the next three years, Dan Steakley served as a  
10 communications officer on Admiral Chester Nimitz's staff;  
11 discharged as a lieutenant in 1945, he returned to Texas and joined  
12 the faculty at the University of Houston; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Steakley embarked on a successful business  
14 career in 1947 when he opened a Chevrolet dealership in Knox City; a  
15 decade later, he bought a Chevrolet dealership in Temple, a  
16 business that he successfully operated for 23 years before selling  
17 it in 1979; and

18           WHEREAS, A widely respected community leader, Mr. Steakley  
19 served on the board of trustees of the University of Mary  
20 Hardin-Baylor for three terms; he was also a deacon at First Baptist  
21 Church and a valued member of the Temple Lions Club and the  
22 philanthropic organization Karem Shrine; and

23           WHEREAS, Through his longtime involvement in the business and  
24 civic arenas, Dan Steakley helped to foster a stronger, more caring

1 community, and he will be remembered with warm affection by those  
2 whose hearts and lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dan Lewis Steakley and  
5 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of  
6 72 years, Claydene Steakley; to his daughter, Sue Steakley; to his  
7 granddaughter, SueAnn Altman; to his great-grandchildren; and to  
8 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

9       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dan Lewis  
12 Steakley.