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H.R. No. 506

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may serve  
2 to temper the profound sadness brought by the passing of Harry Lee  
3 Westmoreland, Jr., of Sugar Land on February 16, 2007; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Westmoreland was born on October 29, 1941, in  
5 Houston; he graduated from St. Thomas High School and served his  
6 country as a member of the U.S. Air Force before earning his  
7 bachelor's and master's degrees from Sam Houston State University;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, He taught in the Houston Independent School District  
10 and worked for several years in the seismic drilling industry  
11 before establishing his own business, Lone Star Bit Company, in  
12 1984; and

13           WHEREAS, While on a trip to Peru in 1988, he met a missionary  
14 who drilled wells for villages lacking a clean, safe water source;  
15 inspired and determined to ease the suffering of the underserved,  
16 Mr. Westmoreland joined with several others to found Living Water  
17 International, which, since its establishment in 1990, has  
18 completed nearly 4,000 projects in 21 countries; and

19           WHEREAS, In bringing this dream to fruition, Mr. Westmoreland  
20 developed three generations of a new light-weight, portable drill  
21 rig that Living Water International has used to provide potable  
22 water to people around the world; and

23           WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by all who knew him, this  
24 caring gentleman lived his faith and brought enthusiasm and

1 dedication to his many endeavors; in so doing, he built a life that  
2 was remarkably rich in family, friends, and accomplishments, and  
3 while he will be deeply missed, his good works will continue to  
4 resonate in the lives of countless individuals; now, therefore, be  
5 it

6         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Harry Lee  
8 Westmoreland, Jr., and extend deepest sympathy to the members of  
9 his family: to his wife, Jo Ann; to his daughters, Sue Westmoreland  
10 and Alice Polacek and her husband, Yubo; to his son, D. L.  
11 Westmoreland; to his mother, Margie Westmoreland Parent and her  
12 husband, Frank Parent; to his granddaughters, Alissa, Alexis,  
13 Julia, and Ashlyn; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be  
14 it further

15         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Harry Lee  
18 Westmoreland, Jr.