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H.R. No. 674

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the loss of Roy Edward
2 Barfield of Rogers, who passed away on January 22, 2007, at the age
3 of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 6, 1930, in Temple to Albus Emmitt
5 and Elsa Schmidt Barfield, Roy Barfield began his working life
6 early by helping out in his parents' feed and grocery store; and

7 WHEREAS, During World War II, Mr. Barfield worked as a cab
8 driver for several companies; when the tragic explosion of the SS
9 *Grandcamp* in Texas City in 1947 demolished many automobiles, he
10 helped to transport new cars to the region; he then worked as a
11 short-order cook at the Goody-Goody drive-in before apprenticing as
12 a plumber at the Messer Plumbing Company, and while working there he
13 received his journeyman plumbing license; and

14 WHEREAS, After marrying his beloved wife Elizabeth in 1950,
15 Mr. Barfield answered his nation's call to duty during the Korean
16 War and served two years in the United States Army at Fort Bliss,
17 Texas, and Fort Meade, Maryland; and

18 WHEREAS, Returning to Temple, Mr. Barfield earned his master
19 plumbing license and opened his own business, providing plumbing,
20 heating, and air conditioning services to his community for 20
21 years; and

22 WHEREAS, He went on to work as a civil servant at Fort Hood
23 for 20 years, finishing his career as the shop foreman in the
24 maintenance division; with a reputation for handling the

1 government's money and business as if they were his own, Mr.
2 Barfield earned the highest civilian commendation possible short of
3 presidential recognition; and

4 WHEREAS, An expert in the building trades, Roy Barfield loved
5 restoring houses to their original condition and reclaiming the
6 land on the farm he and his wife retired to in Rogers; hardworking
7 and resourceful, he will be fondly remembered as an honest
8 businessman, a devoted family man who enjoyed cooking special meals
9 for his loved ones, and a sensitive man who was not afraid to shed a
10 tear when witnessing an act of kindness or patriotism; now,
11 therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Roy Edward Barfield
14 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
15 wife of 56 years, Elizabeth Lawhon Barfield; to his sons, David
16 Barfield and his wife, Sharon, and Sam Barfield and his wife,
17 Sandra; to his grandchildren, John, Scott, and Laura Barfield; and
18 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roy Edward
22 Barfield.