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H.R. No. 1373

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Alice lost a beloved friend and a  
2           respected civic leader with the passing of Cecil Carlisle on  
3           December 21, 2006, at the age of 85; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on May 4, 1921, in the town he would proudly  
5           call home all his life, Mr. Carlisle was a graduate of Alice High  
6           School, where he was senior class president and an All-District end  
7           for the Alice Coyotes football team; in 1943, he earned his  
8           bachelor's degree in business from Texas A&M University before  
9           bravely serving his country in World War II as a B-17 pilot; and

10           WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life in 1946, Mr.  
11           Carlisle began a career in the insurance business, eventually  
12           becoming president of Carlisle Insurance Agency; his years of civic  
13           service to his community included tenures on the city council, as a  
14           charter member of the Jim Wells County Master Planners Association,  
15           and as president of the Alice Chamber of Commerce, which honored him  
16           in 1988 with induction into its Hall of Honor; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Carlisle was first elected mayor of Alice in  
18           1959, and he held the office until 1967; throughout his  
19           distinguished service, he was instrumental in the development of  
20           the city and set a sterling example of leadership that is still  
21           resonant today; and

22           WHEREAS, A lifetime member of St. Elizabeth Catholic Church,  
23           he served on the Diocese of Corpus Christi Advisory Board for four  
24           bishops, and helped to found the St. Elizabeth School Endowment

1 Fund; in addition, this charter member of the Knights of Columbus  
2 Council #2992 was honored with the title of Knight of the Equestrian  
3 Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem and was awarded the  
4 distinction of Knight of St. Gregory the Great by Pope John Paul II;  
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Highly regarded by all who knew him, Mr. Carlisle  
7 built a life that was rich in family, friends, and accomplishments,  
8 and although he will be deeply missed, he will always be remembered  
9 with great respect and admiration; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Cecil Carlisle and  
12 extend sympathy to the members of his family: to his children, Nancy  
13 Carlisle, Chuck Carlisle and his wife, Mary Jane, Tom Carlisle and  
14 his wife, Brenda, and Michael Carlisle; to his wife, Janet Carlisle  
15 and to her children, Hicks Harris and his wife, Tracy, Hayden Harris  
16 and his wife, Linda, and Hollis Harris and his wife, Jennifer; to  
17 his grandchildren, Lisa, Allison, Daniel, David, Robert, Chase,  
18 Juliana, Hunter, Hondo, Shane, Maggie, and Emily; to his seven  
19 great-grandchildren; to his brother, Gerald Carlisle; and to his  
20 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cecil  
24 Carlisle.