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H.R. No. 1487

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Guadalupe County lost a beloved
2 neighbor and respected civic leader with the passing of Joe Bailey
3 Fleming on March 18, 2007, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 1, 1912, Mr. Fleming was raised on
5 his family's farm and learned the value of hard work while growing
6 up during the Great Depression; and

7 WHEREAS, A graduate of Seguin High School and Texas Lutheran
8 University, he enlisted in the armed forces after the bombing of
9 Pearl Harbor; one of the first young men from his hometown to join
10 the U.S. Navy Seabees, Mr. Fleming served in the Pacific theater
11 for three years; in 1945, while on leave, he married Helen Elizabeth
12 Schroeder, with whom he would share the next 62 years; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Fleming worked as an installation supervisor
14 for Western Electric Company for 12 years before opening his own
15 business, Fleming Transfer and Storage Company; after retiring from
16 the private sector, he was appointed Guadalupe County Constable and
17 served the community in that capacity for five years; and

18 WHEREAS, Elected Guadalupe County Judge in 1978, Mr. Fleming
19 set a high standard of professionalism and integrity while in
20 office; though he resigned in 1981 and returned to tending his
21 cattle ranch, he continued to make a positive difference in his
22 community, inspiring others with his civic involvement and
23 leadership; a former director of the local chamber of commerce, he
24 was also an executive member of the Alamo Area Council of

1 Governments, a life member of the public library and the VFW, and a
2 60-year member of the American Legion; and

3 WHEREAS, Held in high regard by all who were privileged to
4 know him, Joe Fleming built a life that was remarkably rich in
5 accomplishments and meaningful service to others and he will be
6 remembered with great admiration and affection; now, therefore, be
7 it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joe Bailey Fleming and
10 extend sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Helen
11 Fleming; to his sisters-in-law, Bernice Fleming and Frances
12 Schroeder; to his nephews and nieces; and to all who mourn the
13 passing of this esteemed Texan; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Joe Bailey
17 Fleming.