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H.R. No. 1518

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of
3 the Honorable Sam D. Seale of Jackson County, who passed away on
4 February 7, 2007; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Mr. Seale was born
6 on September 27, 1933, in Floresville; as a young man, he joined the
7 Kingsville Police Department, later serving with the Travis County
8 Sheriff's Office and the FBI in Washington, D.C.; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Seale studied at Texas A&I University, the
10 American College of Law, and The University of Texas at Austin
11 School of Law, and later returned with his wife and children to his
12 family ranch in Jackson County, where he was elected county judge in
13 1971; and

14 WHEREAS, During his tenure on the bench, Judge Seale served
15 as president of the South Texas Judges and Commissioners
16 Association and president of the Texas Association of Regional
17 Councils; in addition, he headed the statewide County Judges and
18 Commissioners Association of Texas and served on the board of the
19 National Association of Regional Councils of Government; and

20 WHEREAS, He joined the staff of the Texas Association of
21 Counties as head of intergovernmental relations in 1986, and the
22 following year he was hired as executive director of the
23 organization; under his able guidance, the TAC grew from six
24 employees to 130 without increasing the taxpayer dues paid by

1 county governments; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Seale continued to share his time with a number
3 of professional organizations, serving as president of the National
4 Conference of County Association Executives and the Conference of
5 Southern County Associations and on the boards of the National
6 Association of Counties and the Texas Supreme Court Judges
7 Education Committee; and

8 WHEREAS, A number of other groups also benefited from his
9 participation, including the Texas County and District Retirement
10 System Board of Trustees, the South Texas Health Systems Agency,
11 the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission Advisory Committee, and the
12 Texas Department of Community Affairs Advisory Committee; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Seale was proud of his four terms as president of
14 the Golden Crescent Regional Planning Commission, and his
15 exceptional service to the organization earned him the title of Man
16 of the Year in 1979 and 1984; and

17 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Seale especially enjoyed
18 hunting with friends in West Texas and nature photography; and

19 WHEREAS, Those who were privileged to know Sam Seale will
20 long remember his life of service to his community and to the State
21 of Texas, and although he will be greatly missed, his legacy will
22 live on in the institutions he nurtured and in the myriad
23 accomplishments he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Sam D.
26 Seale and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
27 his wife, Sylvia Aldrete Seale; to his children, Sam D. Seale IV and

1 his wife, Sandra, Carrie Hearne, Lea Ann Guyton, Terry Fazio and her
2 husband, Pat, Jean Bordelon and her husband, Max, Laura Hanson and
3 her husband, Jeff, Marc Thomas, and Michael McCreery and his wife,
4 Cerenna; to his 21 grandchildren and his great-grandchild; to his
5 sister, Laura Ann Farley; and to his other relatives and many
6 friends; and, be it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sam D.
10 Seale.