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H.R. No. 2026

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the
2 passing of Richard West Hopper of Austin on January 2, 2007, yet the
3 memory of his full and rewarding life remains to comfort them in
4 their time of loss; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Manitou, Oklahoma, on March 21, 1926, Mr.
6 Hopper joined the U.S. Navy in 1944; he served on the USS *Wichita* in
7 the Pacific Theater during World War II, and his ship was one of the
8 first to enter the Japanese Port of Nagasaki at the end of the
9 conflict; at the start of the Korean War, he joined the U.S. Army
10 and was selected as a member of the Counter Intelligence Corps,
11 which later became the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps; he retired
12 from the armed forces after 24 years of dedicated service to his
13 country; and

14 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Hopper worked as the
15 manager of the San Benito Chamber of Commerce, and he later moved to
16 Austin to work in real estate and as an employee of the Internal
17 Revenue Service; in his leisure time, he enjoyed researching his
18 family's genealogy; and

19 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hopper benefited from the
20 love and support of his wife of 62 years, Patsy, and their four
21 children; and

22 WHEREAS, A career serviceman, a caring husband and father,
23 and a respected businessman, Richard Hopper excelled in each of
24 these roles, and his long and fruitful life serves as an inspiration

1 to those who were fortunate enough to share in his love and
2 friendship; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard West Hopper
5 and offer condolences to the members of his family: to his wife,
6 Patsy Hopper; to his children, Terry Shockley and Richard, Ronald,
7 and Mark Hopper; to his nine grandchildren and seven
8 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
9 be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard
13 Hopper.