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H.R. No. 2185

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life came to a close with the
2 passing of El Paso resident Dwight Shewmaker on April 30, 2007, at
3 the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Oklahoma in 1922, "Shew" Shewmaker was
5 raised in the Kansas communities of Madison and Gridley; he bravely
6 served his country during World War II as a combat engineer officer
7 in Italy, where he met Tina deBernardis, with whom he would share
8 nearly 55 years of a loving marriage, until her death in 2001; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life,
10 Mr. Shewmaker took a position with Continental Illinois Bank before
11 returning to active service during the Korean War; in 1956, he
12 relocated to El Paso, where he worked at Fort Bliss and was a
13 respected expert in the electronics of guided missile systems until
14 officially retiring from the military; and

15 WHEREAS, Embarking on a new chapter in his already
16 accomplished career, Mr. Shewmaker earned bachelor's and master's
17 degrees in business administration, as well as a certified public
18 accountant's certificate; he also enjoyed a tenure as a creative
19 computer programmer at El Paso National Bank, in addition to
20 running his own CPA practice, teaching at several area
21 universities, and working as controller with Ammons Boot Company;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Shewmaker was a longtime champion of the arts in
24 El Paso and an active participant in many civic and professional

1 organizations; he served on the board of Ballet El Paso for many
2 years, gave of his time and talents to the Service Committee of
3 Retired Executives, and was highly involved with the
4 Unitarian/Universalist Community of El Paso; and

5 WHEREAS, Above all else, this esteemed Texan will be
6 remembered for his devotion to helping others, his desire to
7 promote equality, and his capacity for seeing the innate goodness
8 in everyone, and he leaves behind an inspiring legacy for all who
9 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dwight Lee Shewmaker
12 and extend sympathy to the members of his family: to his children,
13 James Shewmaker and his wife, Susan, and Suzy Hicks and her husband,
14 Steve; to his grandchildren, Steve Shewmaker and his wife, Patti,
15 Frank Shewmaker, and Kelly Fairfield and her husband, Bryan; to his
16 great-grandchildren, Tuscan and Oliver Fairfield; to his siblings,
17 Carl Shewmaker and his wife, Emily, and Genevieve Duncan and her
18 husband, Gary; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
19 it further

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