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H.R. No. 2527

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of New Waverly resident Thomas Michael
2 Buzbee on March 16, 2007, has deeply saddened his family and
3 friends, yet the memory of his full and rewarding life remains to
4 comfort them in their time of loss; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on October 1, 1938, Mike Buzbee devoted his
6 life to helping disadvantaged and troubled youth and spent decades
7 advocating in their behalf; the founder, president, and CEO of the
8 Gulf Coast Trade Center, he worked with more than 30,000 young
9 Texans over the course of his 35-year career in the juvenile
10 corrections industry, and he was instrumental in establishing the
11 center as a nationally recognized educational trades program; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Buzbee was a graduate of the University of
13 Houston and of Sam Houston State University, where he earned a
14 master's degree in criminology; he further benefited his
15 professional community as the superintendent of the Raven Charter
16 School and as a staff representative for the Marine Engineers
17 Beneficial Association, the PCD, the AFL-CIO, and the Office
18 Employees International Union; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition, this notable Texan gave generously of
20 his time and talents as a board member of Texas Education Agency
21 Region 6, the Walker County Chamber of Commerce, the Texas
22 Youth-Build Coalition, New Leader's Academy, and the National Youth
23 Employment Coalition; his efforts earned him several awards,
24 including the first Bridge Builders Annual Award and the New

1 American Community Award; and

2 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Buzbee enjoyed the love
3 and support of his wife, Kathryn, with whom he shared 45 years of
4 marriage, and their four children; and

5 WHEREAS, Mike Buzbee built a life that was remarkably rich in
6 family, friends, and service to others, and he will always be
7 remembered with great admiration and affection; now, therefore, be
8 it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Michael Buzbee
11 and extend sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
12 Kathryn Benesh Buzbee; to his children, Thomas M. Buzbee, Jr., and
13 his wife, Cheryl, Stephanie Marie Shelly and her husband, Kenneth,
14 Scott Anthony Buzbee and his wife, Kalea, and Mary Megan
15 Buzbee-D'Souza and her husband, Daniel; to his grandchildren, Tony,
16 Kristen, Kyle, Allison, Meridith, Nolan, Colin, and Samuel; to his
17 brother, Patrick Hugh Buzbee, and his wife, Marilyn; and to his
18 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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