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H.R. No. 59

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Pastor John A. Hall of San Antonio died on April 18,
2 2009, leaving his circle of family and friends with treasured
3 memories of time spent in his company; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Cuero on July 18, 1921, to Reverend and Mrs.
5 C. H. Hall, John Hall served his country with distinction during
6 World War II as a member of the U.S. Army's 304th Aviation Squadron
7 in the Pacific theater; and

8 WHEREAS, Returning stateside after the war, he earned a
9 bachelor's degree from St. Mary's University and went on to graduate
10 from Guadalupe Theological College with his doctoral degree in
11 divinity; he served as an instructor at that institution for more
12 than four decades and held the post of dean of student affairs; and

13 WHEREAS, After leading the congregation of Friendship
14 Baptist Church in Luling, Pastor Hall was pastor of Trinity
15 Missionary Baptist Church in San Antonio from 1958 to 2008, and he
16 was honored with the title pastor emeritus; a mentor to many young
17 ministers, he was closely associated with the San Antonio
18 Comprehensive Nutrition Project, a drug rehabilitation program
19 named Genesis, the creation of radio, television, and video
20 ministries, and the establishment of a daily prayer vigil at
21 Trinity that has operated continuously since its inception in 1978;
22 his professional affiliations included the Baptist Ministers Union
23 of San Antonio and the National Baptist Convention of America; and

24 WHEREAS, With his wife, the former Lucille Navarro, Pastor

1 Hall shared 30 years of marriage until the time of her passing;
2 fortunate to find love a second time, he and his wife, Juanita,
3 together enjoyed a rewarding relationship and many happy times
4 together; and

5 WHEREAS, Pastor Hall was truly a blessing in the lives of
6 countless people, and he will be deeply missed by all those who were
7 fortunate enough to share in his love and friendship; now,
8 therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
11 of Pastor John A. Hall and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
12 his family: to his wife, Juanita Hall; to his daughter, Mary Ellen
13 Hall Davis; to his granddaughter, Sherice Williams; to his
14 great-granddaughter, Thelma; and to his other relatives and
15 friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Hall.