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H.C.R. No. 99

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of John H.
2 Hanna of Paris, Texas, who died on February 18, 2009, at the age of
3 72; and

4 WHEREAS, John Hanna was born in New Boston on September 22,
5 1936, to John W. and Margie Hanna; he graduated from New Boston High
6 School in 1956 and he later earned an associate's degree in law
7 enforcement from Tyler Junior College; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1959, Mr. Hanna began a long career with the Texas
9 Department of Public Safety; he was posted first to Beaumont and
10 later transferred to Dallas and Tyler; promoted to sergeant, he
11 established the first sergeant station in Paris in 1973; he retired
12 in 1992, after serving the people of Texas for 33 years; and

13 WHEREAS, This dedicated officer was also a member of the Army
14 National Guard unit in Honey Grove, serving 10 months of active duty
15 at Fort Polk, Louisiana, during the Cuban Missile Crisis, from
16 October 1961 to September 1962; and

17 WHEREAS, A man of strong religious faith, Mr. Hanna was a
18 valued member of Oak Park United Methodist Church, teaching the
19 Gleaners Sunday School class, greeting his fellow parishioners at
20 the door every Sunday, and visiting families in times of illness or
21 grief; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Hanna loved fishing, camping, and golfing, and
23 every winter he made new friends from among the visitors to the
24 Lakefront Lodge campground in Zapata; and

1 WHEREAS, A devoted father and grandfather and a faithful
2 friend, John Hanna was beloved by all who knew him, and although he
3 is no longer with us, the memory of his kindness and his zest for
4 life will live forever in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
6 hereby pay tribute to the life of John H. Hanna and extend sincere
7 condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Betty Hanna;
8 to his daughters, Johnna Lynn Weaver and her husband, Keith, and
9 Joanie Richter and her husband, Kim; to his grandchildren, Brandon
10 Weaver and Kylene, Katie, and Cameron Richter; to Adam Spencer; to
11 his brothers, Frank Garner Hanna and his wife, Myra, Porter Hanna,
12 and Gary Dale Hanna and his wife, Christina; to his sister-in-law,
13 Dorothy Riley, and her husband, Tony; to his brother-in-law, Hoyt
14 Kestler, and his wife, Reba; to his godson, Shane Ross; and to his
15 other relatives and 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 Senate and House of
18 Representatives adjourn this day, they do so in memory of John H.
19 Hanna.