

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Friends and family are mourning the loss of Jimmy E.
2 Upton of Blossom, who passed away on March 24, 2009, at the age of
3 64; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Dallas on July 20, 1944, to Bonnie and Claude
5 Upton, Jimmy Upton lived in several different locations throughout
6 the United States before settling in Paris, Texas, in the early
7 1960s; he answered his nation's call to duty with service in the
8 Vietnam War as a member of the 1st Infantry Division of the U.S.
9 Army and earned two Bronze Stars; Mr. Upton married the love of his
10 life, the former Billie E. Harris, in 1970, and the couple nurtured
11 a rewarding marriage that was made even richer by the addition of
12 three children and two grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Upton went to work as a welder for Babcock &
14 Wilcox after returning from the war, and his career there spanned
15 more than three decades; he also owned and operated his own
16 automotive repair shop in Blossom for a number of years; in 1998, he
17 retired from both occupations and shortly afterward went to work as
18 an aircraft mechanic for L3 Communications; and

19 WHEREAS, Known to his friends as "BoBo," Mr. Upton was a
20 member of the Blossom Masonic Lodge and enjoyed hunting and fishing
21 when not at work or spending time with his loved ones; although he
22 will be deeply missed, Jimmy Upton leaves his family and friends
23 with a wealth of fond memories that will be treasured long into the
24 future; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
2 hereby pay tribute to the life of Jimmy E. Upton and extend sincere
3 sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Billie Upton; to
4 his children, Michelle Bailey, Stephanie Gandy, and Jody Upton; to
5 his grandchildren, Mallory Ackley and Jayden Upton; to his brother,
6 Claude Upton; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
7 it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
11 Jimmy Upton.

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President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 170 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 23, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 170 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 18, 2009.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor