

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of George I. Richardson of Paris, Texas, who passed away on April  
4 13, 2009, at the age of 85; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Lamar County on February 22, 1924, to Thomas  
6 Eugene and Tiney Freeman Richardson, George Richardson graduated  
7 from the Midway School and attended Paris Junior College before  
8 answering his nation's call to duty with service in the U.S. Army  
9 during World War II; he played basketball on the military team and  
10 came very close to qualifying to play on the U.S. Olympic team; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Richardson worked at the Texas Department of  
12 Transportation for nearly four decades and retired as office  
13 manager in the district maintenance engineer's office; he had a  
14 deep passion for music and played the piano, banjo, mandolin,  
15 guitar, and harmonica; a member of three different bands, he  
16 frequently performed for the residents of local nursing homes over  
17 the course of 20 years; he also took a prominent role in many  
18 community activities, serving as president of the Rockford Cemetery  
19 Association and as a member of the Cunningham school board;  
20 moreover, he was a beloved participant in the Paris Rodeo  
21 festivities each year, amusing spectators by riding his donkey at  
22 the event; and

23           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Richardson enjoyed the  
24 love and support of his wife, the former Maureen Gordon, with whom

1 he shared 62 years; the couple raised two children, Ron and Gerrie,  
2 and with the passing years welcomed into the family three  
3 grandchildren, Jerrod, Kristi, and Chance, and three  
4 great-grandchildren, Kaden, Ashlyn, and Gage; Mr. Richardson was a  
5 proud member of Union Church at Taylortown, where he was active in  
6 the music ministry, and he taught at several churches over the  
7 course of his six-decade tenure as a Sunday school lecturer; and

8 WHEREAS, With his enduring devotion to his family and his  
9 community, George Richardson made a meaningful difference in the  
10 lives of his neighbors and loved ones, and his contributions will be  
11 fondly remembered for years to come; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
13 hereby pay tribute to the life of George I. Richardson and extend  
14 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Helen  
15 Maureen Gordon Richardson; to his children, Ron Richardson and  
16 Gerrie Bankhead; to his grandchildren, Jerrod Bankhead, Kristi  
17 Callihan and her husband, Bryan, and Chance Bankhead and his  
18 fiancée, Morgan Nickerson; to his great-grandchildren, Kaden and  
19 Ashlyn Callihan and Gage Bankhead; to his sister, Wanda Reid; to his  
20 sister-in-law, Ellen Richardson; and to his other relatives and  
21 friends; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
25 George Richardson.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 199 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 4, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 199 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 18, 2009.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor