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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.