

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Emil Habecker III of Comfort passed away on December  
2 13, 2007, at the age of 78, leaving his family and friends with many  
3 treasured memories of time spent in his company; and

4           WHEREAS, Born into a Kerr County family, Emil Habecker was a  
5 navy equipment specialist as well as a diver for the Scripps  
6 Institution of Oceanography at the University of California at San  
7 Diego, one of the oldest, largest, and most prestigious centers for  
8 marine science research, graduate training, and public service in  
9 the world; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Habecker's friendship with other early divers  
11 led to his participation in the San Diego Bottom Scratchers Club,  
12 reportedly the oldest free-diving club in the United States;  
13 organized in 1933, the Bottom Scratchers acquired their name from  
14 their practice of "scratching" the ocean floor in search of food  
15 during the Great Depression; the divers were pioneers in developing  
16 and refining equipment for spearfishing and sport diving, both of  
17 which were in their infancy at that time; and

18           WHEREAS, In the late 1950s, Mr. Habecker was invited to join a  
19 group of Scripps graduate students/alumni and associates who had  
20 formed a corporation named Scientific Diving Consultants, Inc., for  
21 the purpose of studying sea life; in 1959, the corporation opened  
22 the Diving Locker, a San Diego dive shop; during his years in  
23 California he was also affiliated with the San Diego Underwater  
24 Photographic Society; and

1           WHEREAS, After returning to live in the Texas Hill Country,  
2 Mr. Habecker became involved in the Comfort Lions Club and the  
3 Comfort Athletic Booster Club, which now awards a \$1,000 Emil  
4 Habecker Scholarship in honor of this esteemed gentleman; and

5           WHEREAS, With his beloved wife, Marcia, Mr. Habecker shared a  
6 fulfilling marriage that was further enriched with the addition of  
7 two children and a grandchild; and

8           WHEREAS, Emil Habecker lived a caring and purposeful life,  
9 and he is greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him;  
10 now, therefore, be it

11           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
12 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Emil Habecker III and extend  
13 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Marcia  
14 Anderson Habecker; to his daughter, Cheryle Habecker Sackett, and  
15 her husband, Vernon Barnard; to his son, Ron Habecker; to his  
16 stepsiblings, Madeline Behal, Frank Habecker, and Max Habecker and  
17 his wife, Alma; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
18 further

19           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
20 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
21 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Emil  
22 Habecker III.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 14

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 14 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House