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H.R. No. 118

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Barker lost a dedicated public servant
2 and beloved friend with the passing of Donald David Baker on April
3 2, 2008, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of James Mayes and Anna Baker, Donald David
5 "Dog" Baker was born on July 7, 1937, in Las Vegas, Nevada; he and
6 his family later relocated to Barker, and during his youth he became
7 a Lone Star Farmer with the Katy FFA chapter and graduated from Katy
8 High School; he attended Blinn College and Trinity University
9 before returning to Barker and raising his three children, Debra,
10 Randal, and Bruce; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Baker graduated from the Houston Police Academy
12 in 1959; he served the department for more than two decades and was
13 active in the Houston Police Officers Association; after retiring
14 in 1980 with the rank of sergeant, he joined the Precinct One
15 Constable's Office of Harris County, where he worked for 14 years,
16 until his retirement as a deputy chief in January 2008; and

17 WHEREAS, A lifetime member of the Houston Livestock Show and
18 Rodeo, Mr. Baker was one of its longest-serving paid employees and
19 spent three decades working with its Star Security group; this
20 memorable assignment allowed him to meet country music entertainers
21 such as Willie Nelson and Charley Pride, many of whom became his
22 good friends; Mr. Baker had close acquaintances in other walks of
23 life as well and seemed to know people everywhere he went; he often
24 gathered with his friends for favorite activities, including

1 playing golf, and also took great pleasure in raising animals on his
2 farm; in addition to caring for his horses, cattle, and pigs, he
3 loved feeding wild birds and spending time with his pet cockatiel;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Cherished for his unforgettable grin and gentle
6 spirit, David Baker enriched the lives of countless individuals
7 with his kindness, and he will forever hold a treasured place in the
8 hearts of all those who were fortunate enough to know him; now,
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Donald David Baker and
12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
13 Lyn Baker; to his daughter, Debra Larsen; to his son, Bruce Baker,
14 and his wife, Terrie; to his mother, Anna Baker; to his
15 grandchildren, Kristi, Cameron, Hayden, and Riley Baker, and
16 Heather Anderson and her husband, Roger; to his brothers, Alva
17 Baker and his wife, Charlotte, and Bill Baker and his wife, Joyce;
18 to his sister, Linda Rasbury, and her husband, Guinn; to his five
19 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;
20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Donald
24 David Baker.