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H.R. No. 273

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends of Talmadge Douglas Steinke of
2 Waco were deeply saddened by his passing on January 17, 2009, at the
3 age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Mart on August 14, 1925, to Max and Ana Ida
5 Steinke, T. D. Steinke grew up in a large family that included two
6 brothers, Cleo and Pete, and four sisters, Estella, Jewell, Elda,
7 and Ruby; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Steinke served his nation as a signalman in the
9 U.S. Navy during World War II; following the war, he went on to lead
10 a respected career as district director with the United Rubber
11 Workers, retiring in 1991; in 2006, he was inducted into the Texas
12 Labor Hall of Fame in recognition of his six decades of service to
13 the union; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1955, Mr. Steinke exchanged wedding vows with the
15 former Ruth Murphree and with her shared a rewarding marriage that
16 was made even richer with the addition of two children and two
17 grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, A valued congregant of St. Mark Lutheran Church,
19 Mr. Steinke also devoted his time and talents as a board member for
20 several educational, technical, and political organizations in the
21 Waco area; and

22 WHEREAS, T. D. Steinke leaves behind a legacy of service to
23 his family, community, and country, and he will be greatly missed by
24 those individuals who were fortunate enough to share in his love and

1 friendship; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Talmadge Douglas
4 Steinke and that deepest condolences be extended to the members of
5 his family: to his wife, Ruth Steinke; to his daughters, Darlene
6 Steinke and Mary Allen; to his grandchildren, Samuel and Sarah; to
7 his sisters, Elda Lutter and Ruby Ertel; and to his other relatives
8 and friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of T. D.
12 Steinke.