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H.R. No. 338

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The death of Robert Mueller of Taylor on September
2 6, 2008, at the age of 69, brought great sadness to his family,
3 friends, and many admirers across the Lone Star State and beyond;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born in 1939, Mr. Mueller began working in his
6 father's grocery store in Taylor at the age of eight; in 1949, his
7 father opened Louie Mueller Barbecue, which moved to its present
8 location on Second Street a decade later; and

9 WHEREAS, The captain of his high school football and track
10 teams, Bobby Mueller graduated in 1957 and entered Texas Christian
11 University; he joined the U.S. Army in 1963 and served in Korea
12 before returning to Taylor two years later to work for the family
13 business; and

14 WHEREAS, When his father retired in 1974, Bobby Mueller took
15 over the restaurant, and during the next 30 years he turned it into
16 a Texas culinary legend; often rising at four in the morning to
17 prepare the day's meats and side dishes from scratch, he regularly
18 worked a 90-hour week; at one point he calculated that he had spent
19 more than 160,000 hours at the restaurant; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Mueller's dedication to the art of barbecue
21 earned him nationwide recognition; in *Texas Monthly's* annual
22 statewide ranking of barbecue establishments, Louie Mueller
23 Barbecue placed in the top five on three different occasions;
24 moreover, in 2006, the restaurant won the prestigious James Beard

1 Foundation Award; and

2 WHEREAS, Bobby Mueller helped build his family's business
3 into an iconic landmark; though he appreciated the many accolades
4 his restaurant garnered, this hardworking and humble Texan took
5 even greater pleasure in the approval he received from thousands of
6 customers over the years; he also found immense pleasure in
7 spending time with his loved ones, especially his four
8 grandchildren, and he has left behind a legacy to treasure for all
9 those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Mueller and
12 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
13 Patricia; to his children, Wayne, John, and LeAnn; to his
14 grandchildren, Robert, Johnson, Andrew, and Erica; and to his other
15 relatives and friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bobby
19 Mueller.