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H.R. No. 691

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of the Honorable August Caron, Jr., longtime mayor of
3 George West, on March 30, 2008, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, The eldest son of August Caron, Sr., and the former
5 Reba Lee Salmon, August Caron, Jr., was born in George West on
6 August 21, 1927, and raised on the family ranch in McMullen County;
7 he attended schools in the George West school system and answered
8 his nation's call to duty after graduation with service to the
9 U.S. Army Security Agency as a code breaker during World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Caron studied civil engineering at Texas A&I
11 University in Kingsville after the war and began work with the Texas
12 Highway Department in the early 1950s; he oversaw construction of
13 countless roadways, including the Live Oak County leg of Interstate
14 Highway 37, during his 38-year tenure with the department; after
15 his retirement, he worked for several years at Harris Engineering
16 of Beeville as a survey and design technician before retiring again
17 to devote more of his time to his family and to public service; and

18 WHEREAS, A man of diverse talents, Mr. Caron began his career
19 in local government in 1982 as a member of the George West City
20 Council; he was first elected mayor in 1987, and he continued to
21 serve admirably in that office until his death; this dedicated
22 elected official expanded water service in George West and worked
23 diligently to bring quality emergency medical care to the city and
24 surrounding area, in addition to many other accomplishments; and

1 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Caron enjoyed the love
2 and support of his wife, the former Gretchen Schmidt, who preceded
3 him in death; Mr. Caron took great joy in his two children,
4 Christopher and Suzette, and three grandchildren, Jordan, Tyler,
5 and Ryan; and

6 WHEREAS, Mayor August Caron left behind a record of
7 outstanding service to his nation, his family, and his community,
8 and he will be forever remembered with deep affection by countless
9 individuals whose lives were enriched by his actions; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of August Caron, Jr.,
13 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
14 children, Suzette Bellows and her husband, Roger, and Christopher
15 Caron; to his grandchildren, Jordan, Tyler, and Ryan Bellows; to
16 his brother, Hershall Caron; to his sister, Helen Probst; and to his
17 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mayor
21 August Caron, Jr.