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H.R. No. 940

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Pasadena lost a valued community leader
2 with the passing of Donald Ray Carpenter, Sr., on March 1, 2009, at
3 the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to William and Claudia Carpenter in Kosse on
5 July 5, 1931, Donald Carpenter graduated from John H. Reagan High
6 School and went on to study at The University of Texas and the
7 University of Houston; he began working for Southwestern Bell
8 Telephone Company at the age of 17 as a mail room clerk and was
9 employed by the company for 40 years, eventually retiring as
10 district manager; moreover, he served his nation as a member of the
11 Air Force Reserve; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Carpenter devoted himself to his community in
13 the years following his retirement, serving as president of the
14 Pasadena Rotary Club and the Pasadena Chamber of Commerce and as
15 chief of staff for the City of Pasadena; possessing a deep knowledge
16 of local issues and a strong rapport with elected officials, he was
17 a sought-after political advisor whose opinions were highly
18 respected, and he was an active member of Park Place Masonic Lodge
19 and a prominent supporter of the YMCA, the Salvation Army, and
20 several other charitable causes; when not busy with other projects,
21 he relished spending time on the golf course; and

22 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Carpenter enjoyed the
23 love and support of his wife, Barbara, with whom he shared nearly
24 six decades of marriage; the couple were blessed with three

1 children, Donald, Darrell, and Barbara, and had the pleasure of
2 welcoming six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren into
3 their family; and

4 WHEREAS, Donald Carpenter lived a caring and purposeful life,
5 and he will forever hold a treasured place in the hearts of all
6 those who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Donald Ray
9 Carpenter, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
10 family: to his wife, Barbara Carpenter; to his children, Donald Ray
11 Carpenter, Jr., and his wife, Shirley, Darrell Carpenter and his
12 wife, Barbara, and Barbara Fonville and her husband, Kim; to his
13 grandchildren, Lisa Ann Carpenter, Darrell Carpenter, Jr., and his
14 wife, Susie, Donald Ray Carpenter III and his fiancée, Lindsay
15 Overfield, Brandi Nicole Vorse and her husband, Brandon, Kimberly
16 Fonville, and Crystal VanPutten; to his great-grandchildren, Cade
17 Walker Carpenter and Katlyn and Nathan VanPutten; to his niece,
18 Theresa Ann Works; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
19 it further

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