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H.R. No. 989

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of John Fullerton Sammons of Temple, who passed away on
3 March 3, 2009, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Georgia, Mr. Sammons was born on August
5 12, 1922, to Ulmont Bransford Sammons and Emma Lizzie Fullerton
6 Sammons; he earned his bachelor's degree with honors from the
7 University of Georgia, where he was active in numerous campus clubs
8 and organizations, including ROTC, through which he became
9 commissioned as a 2nd lieutenant in the United States Army; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Sammons was a procurement officer stationed at
11 Fort Hood when he made a trip to Temple to buy supplies and found
12 himself at a hardware store owned by the father of the woman who
13 would become his wife; his diary recounts that he knew from the
14 first moment they met that Marilyn Laramey was the girl he would
15 someday marry; and

16 WHEREAS, Serving in the European theater during World War II
17 as a lieutenant in the 3rd Army under the command of General George
18 S. Patton, Mr. Sammons was part of the second wave of soldiers to
19 arrive at Omaha Beach; he left a detailed written legacy of the
20 battles fought, friends lost, and challenges faced, and the shared
21 experiences of war created a lasting bond between him and his fellow
22 soldiers; and

23 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, he married Marilyn
24 Laramey on August 3, 1946, at Grace Presbyterian Church, a

1 congregation he later served as an elder, Sunday school teacher,
2 and church treasurer; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Sammons joined the family business and
4 eventually became the president and co-owner of Temple Supply
5 Company; active in local affairs, he was a Mason, a member of the
6 Kiwanis Club, and a Shriner for more than 50 years; he also served
7 as vice president of the Temple Jaycees and the Temple Chamber of
8 Commerce; and

9 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known John Sammons
10 will remember his enduring love of his family, his community, and
11 his country, and although he will be deeply missed, his legacy will
12 live on in the hearts of those whose lives he so richly blessed;
13 now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Fullerton
16 Sammons and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
17 family: to his wife, Marilyn Sammons; to his son, John F.
18 Sammons, Jr.; to his daughter, Lynn Sammons Darst; to his five
19 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren; and to his other
20 relatives and friends; 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 John
24 Sammons.