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H.R. No. 1254

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Edmund
2 G. Peterson of Irving, who passed away on March 18, 2009, at the age
3 of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Edmund B. and Addie Hunt Peterson, "Pete"
5 Peterson was born on August 22, 1920, in California; he later
6 relocated to the Lone Star State, and he graduated from Ball High
7 School in Galveston; answering his nation's call to duty, he joined
8 the United States Army, serving as a first lieutenant, unit
9 commander, and operations and training staff officer in the
10 Philippines during World War II, and he received a Purple Heart and
11 the U.S. Army Bronze Commendation Medal; Mr. Peterson went on to
12 attend The University of Texas, where he played football, as well as
13 the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Peterson pursued a career as a civil engineer,
15 and he worked on such projects as the Panama Canal, the World Trade
16 Center in Dallas, and the original Women's Building at Dallas Fair
17 Park; he was further engaged in numerous business ventures as a
18 commercial and industrial real estate developer and an
19 entrepreneur; he launched Peterson Research and Development, and he
20 was a delegate to the World Service Office, traveling as a diplomat
21 and helping to enhance the international globalization of various
22 trade markets; and

23 WHEREAS, Active in the community, Mr. Peterson was a founder
24 of the Saint Thomas Episcopal Church in Dallas and of the Dallas

1 Symphony's summer concerts, and he also owned a cancer research
2 clinic; a music lover, he played the trumpet, and he was the
3 executive producer and proprietor of the Maple Theater, which
4 featured plays, musicals, and operas; moreover, Mr. Peterson was a
5 gourmet cook, an aviator, and a rancher, and he took great pleasure
6 in spending time with his family; and

7 WHEREAS, A dedicated citizen and a successful businessman,
8 Pete Peterson was an inspiration to many, and he will be greatly
9 missed by all those who were fortunate enough to share in his love
10 and friendship; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Edmund G. Peterson
13 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
14 children, Deborah M. Hunt and her husband, Richard, Kathryn A.
15 "Missi" Hunt and her husband, Dennis, and Grant T. Peterson and his
16 wife, Patricia; to his grandchildren, Laura Chambers, Maddie
17 Peterson, and Preston Hunt; to his great-grandchildren, Allison and
18 Hunter Chambers; to his stepson, Doug Peterson, and his wife,
19 Victoria; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be 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 Edmund G.
23 Peterson.