

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A full and purposeful life came to an end with the  
2 passing of Billy Jack Stiles of Thorndale in January 2009; and

3           WHEREAS, Jack Stiles graduated from Thorndale High School and  
4 married his beloved sweetheart Lillian, with whom he enjoyed a  
5 fulfilling marriage of more than 55 years; the couple were blessed  
6 with three children, Mark, Jacqueline, and Marilyn, as well as nine  
7 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Stiles, a patriotic American, willingly  
9 answered his nation's call to duty as a member of the U.S. Air Force  
10 during the Korean War; his love of country never diminished after  
11 his honorable military service, as he was an active member of the  
12 Veterans of Foreign Wars of the United States; and

13           WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the military, Mr.  
14 Stiles worked in administrative services with the Texas State Board  
15 of Insurance until his retirement; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Stiles was a true Godly Southern gentleman of  
17 the finest caliber, and he expressed his devotion to His Lord Jesus  
18 Christ as a dedicated member of First Baptist Church; and

19           WHEREAS, After the tragic and untimely death of his beloved  
20 Lillian from a senseless and unprovoked attack by loose domestic  
21 dogs, Mr. Stiles and other family members worked tirelessly with  
22 State Representative Dan Gattis to champion the passage of  
23 "Lillian's Law," also known as House Bill 1355 of the 80th Texas  
24 Legislature; the unwavering dedication of Mr. Stiles to seeing this

1 legislation become law has helped enhance the public safety of  
2 residents throughout Texas by reducing the number of such tragic  
3 and preventable domestic dog attacks; throughout the legislative  
4 session, Mr. Stiles showed truly remarkable poise, dignity, and  
5 grace, as was evidenced by his powerful testimony before house and  
6 senate committees; and

7         WHEREAS, Although the passing of Jack Stiles has brought  
8 great sorrow to all who knew him, he leaves behind a wealth of  
9 memories that will long be treasured by those who were privileged to  
10 share in his company; now, therefore, be it

11         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Billy Jack Stiles and  
13 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
14 children, Mark Stiles and his wife, Cheryl, Jacqueline Williams,  
15 and Marilyn Shoemaker and her husband, Bill; to his grandchildren,  
16 Nicole King and her husband, Vernon, Alexander Williams and his  
17 wife, Danette, Jess "Trey" Williams III, Justin and Jonna Stiles,  
18 Brook and David Hampton, Amanda Shoemaker, and Shawn Shoemaker and  
19 his wife, Kyndal; to his great-grandchildren, Chase Williams,  
20 Andrew and Amanda Lopez, Harley King, Devon Perkins, Paige Stiles,  
21 and Savannah and Landan Williams; to his sister, Shirley Ling; and  
22 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

23         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Billy Jack  
26 Stiles.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 1624

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1624 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 30, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House