

By: Gattis

H.R. No. 1624

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.