

By: Morrison

H.R. No. 1752

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Lawrence
2 Dunn O'Leary of Austin, who died on April 12, 2009, at the age of 76;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Larry O'Leary was born in San Antonio on August 18,
5 1932, to Lawrence O'Leary and Nellie Jane Tinsley; while he was a
6 student at Fox Tech High School, he played for the Buffaloes
7 football team and took part in the famous San Antonio Chili Bowl
8 game of 1949; after graduating from Fox Tech, he went on to earn a
9 degree in business administration from Texas Western University;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. O'Leary
12 joined the U.S. Navy, and in 1955 he received his commission as a
13 lieutenant junior grade; following his military service, he was
14 joined in marriage in 1958 to the former Wanda Netek, and the couple
15 remained devoted to each other throughout the more than 50 years
16 they shared; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Leary enjoyed a long and productive career
18 with Sears, and during his 32 years with the company, he and his
19 family lived in cities all over Texas, including Corpus Christi,
20 Tyler, Longview, Wichita Falls, Arlington, Harlingen, and San
21 Antonio; and

22 WHEREAS, After Mr. O'Leary retired in 1986, he and his wife
23 lived in Shiner and Austin; a man of strong religious faith, he was
24 active in the Knights of Columbus and the St. Stephens Society; he

1 was also a leading member of Sts. Cyril and Methodius Catholic
2 Church in Shiner, where his Irish wit came in handy in the messages
3 he composed for the parish's Reader Board; Mr. O'Leary participated
4 in many other civic activities as well and served as treasurer for
5 the Main Street Program in Shiner; and

6 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Larry O'Leary
7 will remember the way he touched their lives with his warmth,
8 kindness, and delightful sense of humor, and he will forever hold a
9 treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lawrence Dunn O'Leary
12 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
13 wife, Wanda O'Leary; to his children, Louri O'Leary Harrison and her
14 husband, Jim, and Tarri Miller; to his grandchildren, Joshua,
15 Jordan, and Madison Miller; and to his other relatives and friends;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lawrence
20 Dunn O'Leary.