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H.R. No. 2527

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Allan W.  
2 Dees of Midland, who died on May 12, 2009, at the age of 66; and

3           WHEREAS, "Skip" Dees was born in Dallas on June 23, 1942, to  
4 Allen D. Dees and Sadie Sampsell Dees; he grew up in Kaufman, where  
5 he graduated from high school in 1960, and went on to earn a  
6 bachelor's degree in electrical engineering from Texas A&M  
7 University in 1965; and

8           WHEREAS, Mr. Dees enjoyed a long and distinguished career in  
9 the petroleum industry, working for Texaco from 1965 until his  
10 retirement in 2002; as a petroleum engineer and an engineering  
11 manager, he was posted to a number of locations in Texas, and he  
12 also worked in Trinidad in the West Indies; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1981, he organized Texaco's Regulatory  
14 Compliance Department for the Houston division and three years  
15 later became the regulatory compliance manager in Midland; in 1994,  
16 he was appointed the company's regulatory affairs manager, a  
17 position that entailed responsibility for Texas regulatory and  
18 legislative matters; and

19           WHEREAS, Active in his profession, Mr. Dees served as chair  
20 of the Texas Oil and Gas Association Production Environmental  
21 Committee and as a member of its Regulatory Practices Committee; in  
22 1995, he was the first recipient of the TxOGA Exemplary Service  
23 Award; and

24           WHEREAS, Despite his many professional responsibilities,

1 this caring gentleman found time to be active with the Boy Scouts as  
2 a den leader and scoutmaster; he was also an elder, deacon, and  
3 committee member in the Presbyterian Church, and he taught Sunday  
4 school in Midland for many years; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition, Mr. Dees was a 32nd degree Scottish  
6 Rite Mason and held several important offices with the York Rite  
7 organizations; moreover, he was active in the Knights Templar  
8 educational and medical foundations, and he was the recipient of  
9 the Knights Templar Cross of Honor, the Knight Commander of the  
10 Temple, and the Golden Keystone Award; and

11 WHEREAS, Skip Dees lived a full and generous life as a leading  
12 member of his profession and as an engaged member of his community,  
13 and he will forever be remembered with great admiration and  
14 affection by all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Allan W. Dees and  
17 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife  
18 of 42 years, Billie June Kellar Dees; to his children, Randy Dees,  
19 Katherine Short, and Douglas Dees; to his father, Allen D. Dees; to  
20 his sisters, Marilyn Denisco and Linda Roy; to his six  
21 grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it  
22 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 Allan W.  
26 Dees.