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H.R. No. 2647

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of John  
2 Ernest Phillips of Dallas, who passed away on March 20, 2009, at the  
3 age of 69; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on a farm near Italy, Texas, on April 10, 1939,  
5 John Phillips relocated to Levelland as a youth, and he went on to  
6 graduate from Hardin-Simmons University and later Baylor Law  
7 School; in addition, he earned a master's degree from the Dedman  
8 School of Law at Southern Methodist University, and he completed  
9 the Ranch Management Program at Texas Christian University;  
10 answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Phillips joined the United  
11 States Army, and he was commissioned as a first lieutenant and  
12 awarded the Army Commendation Medal; and

13           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan became a trial lawyer, working  
14 on numerous cases and serving as the president of the Dallas  
15 Association of Defense Lawyers; for a decade, he led the General  
16 Litigation Division at Strasburger and Price, LLP, in Dallas, and  
17 after 33 years with the firm, he retired as a senior partner in  
18 2001; on his retirement, Mr. Phillips continued raising Aberdeen  
19 Angus cattle in Italy; he was also active in his community of faith,  
20 and he was a deacon at Central Baptist Church of Italy and at Park  
21 Cities Baptist Church in Dallas, where he was a member of the Bob  
22 and Ruth Glaze Sunday School class for more than 20 years; and

23           WHEREAS, John Phillips was a dedicated professional and a  
24 caring citizen, and although he will be deeply missed, he will

1 forever be remembered with great admiration and affection by those  
2 who were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John Ernest  
5 Phillips and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:  
6 to his wife of nearly 50 years, Barbara; to his son, John Edd, and  
7 his wife, Lisa; to his daughter, Jan; to his grandson, Walter; to  
8 his mother, Ernestine Phillips; to his brother, Joe Don Phillips,  
9 and his sister, Tina Swenson; and to his other relatives and  
10 friends; and, be it further

11         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Ernest  
14 Phillips.