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H.R. No. 2679

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of William Otto Edwards, Jr., of
2 Waxahachie, Texas, on January 19, 2009, at the age of 82, has
3 brought a profoundly felt loss to the family and friends of this
4 beloved gentleman; and

5 WHEREAS, Bill Edwards was born to William Otto Edwards, Sr.,
6 and Olga Vashti Roberts Edwards on May 24, 1926; he served his
7 country with distinction in World War II and had a notable career
8 with ADP Tool Design LTV Aerospace and Defense Company, where he
9 worked as a manager; and

10 WHEREAS, Married for more than six decades to his wife, June,
11 he was a devoted father to his sons, Patrick, Joseph, and the late
12 Michael David Edwards; he attended Park Meadows Baptist Church, and
13 earlier had been active at Wynnewood Baptist Church in Oak Cliff,
14 where he served the congregation as a deacon and sang in the choir;
15 also a Master Mason, he was a member of the Mason Grand Lodge of
16 Texas in Oak Cliff; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards was a talented tool designer and
18 inventor, and he enjoyed his dogs and birds and going fishing; and

19 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Bill Edwards
20 will remember his enduring love of family and community, and
21 although he will be dearly missed, his legacy will live on in the
22 hearts of those whose lives he so richly blessed; now, therefore, be
23 it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of William Otto Edwards
2 and that deepest sympathy be extended to the members of his family:
3 to his wife, June Edwards; to his sons, Patrick Thomas Edwards and
4 his wife, Nancy, and Joseph Donald Edwards and his wife, Helen; to
5 his daughter-in-law, Janet Edwards; to his grandchildren, Chris
6 Edwards and his wife, Niecy, Ryan Edwards, Casey Edwards, April
7 Moon and her husband, Trey, Chess Edwards, William Edwards, and
8 Bobby Kelly; to his great-grandchildren, Tyler Edwards, Brady Moon,
9 Braxton Moon, Crystal Edwards, and Christopher Edwards; and to his
10 other relatives and 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 William
14 Otto Edwards, Jr.