

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Friends and family are mourning the loss of Richard  
2 Earle Deweese of Bonham, who passed away on May 6, 2007, at the age  
3 of 62; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on October 15, 1944, to George and Marcella  
5 Behrends Deweese in Fort Worth, Richard Deweese graduated from  
6 Richardson High School and earned a bachelor's degree in marketing  
7 from The University of Texas; during his college years, he was a  
8 member of the Sigma Pi and Kappa Kappa Psi fraternities and  
9 performed in the Longhorn Band; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Deweese married Jayne Gay Jackson, and the  
11 couple shared 15 rewarding years together before Mrs. Deweese's  
12 death in 2003; Mr. Deweese was the father of three sons, Blake,  
13 Perry, and Kenneth, and took great pride in their achievements; and

14           WHEREAS, In his professional life, Mr. Deweese worked as a  
15 sales representative for Matthews Marketing Products; in addition,  
16 he was a retired staff sergeant in the Texas Air National Guard and  
17 was instrumental in the founding of the Armed Forces Day  
18 celebration in Fannin County; an elder at First Christian Church,  
19 he served as choir director, as Sunday school teacher, and as a  
20 member and former chair of the church board; he was also active in  
21 The University of Texas Alumni Band Association and was a longtime  
22 member of the Handley Masonic Lodge; and

23           WHEREAS, Richard Deweese led a caring and purposeful life,  
24 and he will be fondly remembered and greatly missed by all those who

1 had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard Earle Deweese  
4 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
5 sons, Blake, Perry, and Kenneth Deweese; to his sister, Diana Sue  
6 Kerns, and her husband, George; to his mother-in-law, Mary  
7 Elizabeth "Kitty" Jackson; to his nieces, Katherine Kerns, Audra  
8 Riopelle, and Linda Smith; and to his other relatives and friends;  
9 and, be it further

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

Phillips  
Flynn

H.R. No. 2871

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2871 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 1, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House