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H.R. No. 3067

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Dorsey  
2 Ray Trapp of Wichita Falls, who died on May 23, 2009, at the age of  
3 61; and

4           WHEREAS, Dorsey Trapp was born in Wichita Falls on November  
5 2, 1947, to Willard and Virginia Cole Trapp; after graduating from  
6 Hirschi High School in 1966, he attended Midwestern State  
7 University; and

8           WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Trapp  
9 joined the U.S. Navy in 1968 and served on the USS *Coral Sea* and the  
10 USS *America*; and

11           WHEREAS, In 1974, Mr. Trapp married Cathy Fisher, two months  
12 after he met her, and they would go on to spend 35 happy years  
13 together; as they started a family, Mr. Trapp returned to school at  
14 Vernon Regional Junior College and earned a degree in management;  
15 and

16           WHEREAS, He won election as Wichita County district clerk in  
17 1987, and he served the citizens of Wichita County for nearly three  
18 decades; he shared his expertise through his work on a number of  
19 committees and as an instructor in several programs at Texas A&M  
20 University; he also served on the board of directors of the Texas  
21 Association of Counties, and he was president of the County and  
22 District Clerks Association of Texas and a member of that  
23 organization's Bylaws Committee; and

24           WHEREAS, For his contributions to his profession, Mr. Trapp

1 was recognized as the Clerk of the Year, and he received the Patsy  
2 Baggett Children's Service Award in 2007 for his work with juries in  
3 collecting donations for Child Protective Services; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Trapp was a man of strong religious faith; he  
5 belonged to the Heritage Assembly of God congregation and taught  
6 Children's Church at First Assembly of God for a number of years; in  
7 his leisure time, he enjoyed fishing, and he was named Bass Angler  
8 of the Year in 2007 by the Christian Bass Anglers; and

9 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and a dedicated public servant,  
10 Dorsey Trapp will be deeply missed, but the integrity, optimism,  
11 and generosity with which he lived his life will forever inspire all  
12 who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dorsey Ray Trapp and  
15 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
16 wife, Cathy Trapp; to his son, Joseph Trapp; to his daughter,  
17 Jennifer Downing; to his grandsons, Kaden and Donovan Downing; to  
18 his sister, Diana Sitler; and to his other relatives and friends;  
19 and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dorsey  
23 Trapp.