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H.C.R. No. 24

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Joseph Patrick Cassidy of Panhandle on May 23, 2011, at  
3 the age of 81; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Pat and Mildred Cassidy, Joe Cassidy was  
5 born in Napavine, Washington, on February 28, 1930; he graduated as  
6 valedictorian of his high school class and served his country in the  
7 United States Air Force; he married Ann Margaret Cassidy on  
8 September 17, 1955, and worked full-time to support his family  
9 while earning his bachelor's degree in physics at West Texas State  
10 University; the proud father of three children, Susan, John, and  
11 Jay, he eventually knew the joy of welcoming six grandchildren into  
12 his family; after the death of Ann Cassidy, he was fortunate enough  
13 to find love a second time with Lei Shuang Cassidy; and

14           WHEREAS, In his professional life, Mr. Cassidy was employed  
15 for 34 years as a scientist at the Pantex Plant, the nation's only  
16 nuclear weapons assembly and disassembly facility, and he became  
17 head of the testing and x-ray departments and chemistry lab; in  
18 addition, he owned and operated a farm and several businesses,  
19 including Cassidy Rentals and Cassidy Insulation, and he and his  
20 sons were co-owners of a self-storage company, TriCas, Inc.; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Cassidy served as president of the PTA, and he  
22 taught Sunday school at the First United Methodist Church of  
23 Panhandle for more than 20 years; with the help of his children, he  
24 built both the family home and a lake house at the Greenbelt

1 Reservoir near Clarendon; he enjoyed reading, history, and travel,  
2 and he had an appreciation for classic cars, such as his black 1941  
3 Cadillac; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Joe Cassidy will be deeply missed,  
5 cherished memories of time spent in his company will long endure in  
6 the hearts of his loved ones; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas,  
8 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Joseph Patrick  
9 Cassidy and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
10 family: to his wife, Lei Shuang Cassidy; to his sons, John Cassidy  
11 and Jay Cassidy and his wife, Alison; to his grandchildren, Cassie  
12 Daniel and Rachel, Andrew, Ryan, Hunter, and Kaitlyn Cassidy; to  
13 his nephew, Mike Cassidy; and to his other relatives and friends;  
14 and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
18 Joseph Patrick Cassidy.