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H.R. No. 51

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Thomas
2 G. Ratcliffe of Kerrville, who passed away on May 25, 2011, at the
3 age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Houston, Tom Ratcliffe was born on
5 October 16, 1931, and grew up in Shreveport, Louisiana; he
6 graduated from Texas A&M University before serving in the U.S.
7 Army, rising to the rank of captain; he went on to have a notable
8 career that included employment with Tenneco and L. D. Brinkman;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In 1979, Mr. Ratcliffe settled in the Hill Country;
11 he enjoyed spending time on his land in Ingram, whether he was
12 mowing, swimming, or fishing with his grandchildren; an active
13 member of the Kerrville community, he shared his time with the local
14 Performing Arts Society and the First Presbyterian Church, where he
15 served his congregation as an elder; in addition, he generously
16 supported his alma mater and Schreiner University; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Ratcliffe enjoyed many years of marriage to the
18 former Sara Eastwood, and they were blessed with three children,
19 Scott, Dianne, and Rusty; after Mrs. Ratcliffe's death, he was
20 fortunate enough to find love a second time, and in 2010 he married
21 Barbara Joplin; and

22 WHEREAS, Tom Ratcliffe led a life that was made rich through
23 meaningful service and accomplishments, and he leaves behind a
24 legacy that will long be treasured by all those who held him dear;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
4 of Thomas G. Ratcliffe and extend deepest sympathy to the members of
5 his family: to his wife, Barbara Joplin Ratcliffe; to his children,
6 Scott Ratcliffe and his wife, Lori, Dianne Ratcliffe Brickner and
7 her husband, Joe, and Rusty Ratcliffe and his wife, Carol; to his
8 grandchildren, Noah, Lindsey, Rachel, and Jack Ratcliffe and Sara
9 and Jacob Brickner; to his brother, John Ratcliffe, and his wife,
10 Peggy; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
11 further

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