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H.R. No. 158

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Eugene
2 Russell Watson of Marathon, who passed away on May 27, 2011, at the
3 age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 8, 1931, in Barnhart to Daisy Mae
5 Gibson Watson and George Washington Watson, Gene Watson was raised
6 in Barnhart, Marathon, and Alpine; he worked as a short-order cook
7 and was a truck driver for many years, delivering for Dr Pepper and
8 later hauling ore from Mexico before driving for a disposal
9 company; he also owned and operated a gas station and a tow truck
10 business; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson married Melba Causey in 1949, and the two
12 went on to share more than 60 years together; their relationship was
13 made even richer with the addition of four daughters, Kary Juliene,
14 Sue Lynn, Sandra Kay, and Kareen Laine, and with the passing years
15 the family grew to include 12 grandchildren and 9
16 great-grandchildren; affectionately known as "Popi," he loved to
17 give his children and grandchildren rides in his truck and to teach
18 them how to drive; and

19 WHEREAS, This talented Texan was a true jack-of-all-trades
20 who could perform electrical and plumbing work, repair vehicles,
21 construct fences, and design irrigation systems; after retiring, he
22 relished spending time with his family and also devoted himself to
23 gardening and building birdhouses and other items in his workshop;
24 known for his easygoing demeanor and his softhearted concern for

1 people and animals, he also possessed a keen sense of humor, and his
2 practical jokes are legendary; and

3 WHEREAS, Gene Watson was a beloved husband, father, and
4 grandfather, and he leaves his family and friends with a wealth of
5 fond memories of the happy times spent in his company; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
9 Gene Russell Watson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
10 his family: to his wife, Melba Watson; to his daughters, Kary
11 Juliene Allee, Sandra Kay Wilson, Sue Lynn Neie, and Kareen Laine
12 Beinhauer; to his sister, Edith Weed; to Dan and Jerry Springfield;
13 to his 12 grandchildren; to his 9 great-grandchildren; and to his
14 other relatives and friends; 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 adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gene
18 Watson.