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H.R. No. 287

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Mineola lost one of its most admired
2 citizens with the passing of David Coulter Templeton on June 12,
3 2011, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Marshall on September 17, 1926, Coulter
5 Templeton was the son of C. B. and Bernice Templeton; he spent much
6 of his childhood in Avinger with his grandfather, who taught him
7 about lumber and construction; after graduating from Mineola High
8 School, he served as a pharmacist's mate in the United States Navy
9 during World War II; he went on to earn his bachelor's degree in
10 business administration from Southern Methodist University, where
11 he joined the Kappa Sigma fraternity and played saxophone in the
12 Mustang Band; and

13 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan founded the Coulter Templeton
14 Lumber Company in Mineola in 1949, and he was also an investor and a
15 founder of the Mineola State Bank; deeply committed to helping
16 others, he served as a trustee of the Meredith Foundation for 20
17 years, and he worked tirelessly on a variety of community projects,
18 including collecting aluminum cans for the Rotary Club; the club
19 named him a Paul Harris Fellow, and in 1990 the Mineola Chamber of
20 Commerce selected him as Man of the Year; and

21 WHEREAS, He married the love of his life, Jean Lynch
22 Templeton, at the age of 63, and became a father figure to her young
23 daughters, Jean and Mary, and a trusted friend to her sons, John,
24 Robert, and Dan; he was a longtime member of the First United

1 Methodist Church of Mineola and of the Cage Men's Class Sunday
2 School, and with his kind, gentle manner and marvelous sense of
3 humor, he endeared himself to numerous friends; and

4 WHEREAS, Coulter Templeton lived a caring and purposeful
5 life, and those who were privileged to know him will forever
6 remember his joyful nature, his generosity, and his devotion to his
7 family and his community; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
9 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
10 of David Coulter Templeton and extend sincere condolences to the
11 members of his family: to his wife, Jean Lynch Templeton; to his
12 children, John Brassard, Robert Brassard, Dan Brassard and his
13 wife, Yvonne, Jean van Zyl and her husband, Marius, and Mary Turner
14 and her husband, Matt; to his grandchildren, Daniel, Peter, and
15 Lucie Jane van Zyl, Benjamin Brassard, and Andrew Turner; and to his
16 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of David
20 Coulter Templeton.