

By: Gallego

H.R. No. 491

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Vernon
2 Neal Billings of Val Verde County, who passed away on January 16,
3 2011, at the age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Neal and Josephine Billings in Del Rio on
5 October 6, 1942, Mr. Billings studied veterinary medicine at Texas
6 A&I University in Kingsville and Sul Ross State University in
7 Alpine; answering his nation's call to duty, he enlisted in the U.S.
8 Army in 1967 and served for two years in the Vietnam War; his
9 deployment ended when he was wounded in combat; and

10 WHEREAS, Neal Billings subsequently worked as manager of the
11 Winters Ranch, an operation based in Del Rio, until he joined the
12 Texas Department of Transportation as manager of the Judge Roy Bean
13 Visitor Center in 1987; he held the latter post for 20 years, until
14 his retirement, and during his tenure he oversaw the complete
15 renovation of the historic site; and

16 WHEREAS, Over the years, this esteemed Texan contributed
17 significantly to his community and the surrounding region; he was a
18 longtime member of the board of directors for the Langtry Community
19 Center and the Langtry Water System, and he served for some two
20 decades on the board of the Comstock Independent School District;
21 he also maintained an affiliation with the Big Bend Area Travel
22 Association for nearly a quarter of a century; and

23 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Billings enjoyed the
24 love and companionship of his wife, Eddie Jean; the couple married

1 in 1966 and were blessed with two children, J. J. and Neal, as well
2 as four grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, While the death of Neal Billings has brought great
4 sorrow to his family and friends, he has left behind a legacy that
5 will long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now,
6 therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Vernon Neal
9 Billings and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
10 family: to his wife, Eddie Jean Wurz Billings; to his daughter,
11 J. J. Thompson, and her husband, Danny; to his son, Neal Billings,
12 Jr., and his wife, Angela; to his grandchildren, Dylan Langtry
13 Thompson and Caden Mylis Thompson and Hailey Marie and Neal Edward
14 Billings; to his sisters, Vi Cloud, June Burk and her husband,
15 Bobby, Mary Lou Petty, and Ginger Marshall and her husband, Jerry;
16 and to his 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 Neal
20 Billings.