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H.R. No. 552

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of John  
2 Henry Fuchs, Jr., of Huntsville, who passed away on February 4,  
3 2011, at the age of 87; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Houston to Gertrude Wagner Fuchs and John  
5 Henry Fuchs, Sr., on February 3, 1924, John Fuchs graduated from  
6 Reagan High School in 1942 and attended Texas Tech before joining  
7 the U.S. Army Air Corps during World War II; on his first combat  
8 mission, his plane was shot down over Germany, and he spent eight  
9 months as a prisoner of war; and

10           WHEREAS, Liberated when the war ended, Mr. Fuchs met Stella  
11 Preston at a homecoming party for returning POWs, and they were  
12 married on October 19, 1947; the couple shared more than five and a  
13 half decades together until her passing in 2003, and they had the  
14 pleasure of welcoming into their family two children, Trudy and  
15 John; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Fuchs worked in the geophysical industry, rising  
17 to the rank of senior vice president; in his leisure time, he  
18 enjoyed traveling, taking care of his cattle, and raising homing  
19 pigeons; a resident of Huntsville since 1967, he became involved in  
20 the HEARTS Veterans Museum of Texas, which seeks to preserve the  
21 stories of those who fought for our nation, and he also served on  
22 the city's veterans advisory board; he was known for his warm and  
23 gregarious personality, which allowed him to make many friends  
24 through the years; and

1           WHEREAS, Though he is deeply missed, John Fuchs will forever  
2 be remembered with great admiration and affection, and his devotion  
3 to his country and to his family will be a continuing source of  
4 inspiration for those who had the good fortune to know him; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John Henry Fuchs, Jr.,  
8 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
9 daughter, Stella G. "Trudy" Fuchs; to his son, John Henry Fuchs III,  
10 and his wife, Nancy; to his niece, Rita Donaldson; and to his other  
11 relatives and friends; and, be it 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 John Henry  
15 Fuchs, Jr.