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H.R. No. 789

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Jacksonville lost a distinguished
2 public servant with the death of former chief of police and city
3 council member Floyd Wayne Stiefer on February 11, 2011, at the age
4 of 66; and

5 WHEREAS, Floyd Stiefer was born in Jacksonville on April 4,
6 1944, to Jewel Stiefer and Floyd B. Stiefer; he answered his
7 nation's call to duty during the Vietnam War and served as a member
8 of the U.S. Air Force; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his military service, Mr. Stiefer entered
10 law enforcement as a bailiff for Cherokee County; he joined the
11 Jacksonville Police Department as a patrolman in 1975, and over the
12 next 10 years, he held a number of positions, including dispatcher
13 and criminal investigations officer; he graduated from the FBI
14 Academy in Quantico, Virginia, in 1984 and was subsequently
15 appointed Jacksonville's chief of police; and

16 WHEREAS, A strong advocate for continuing education for
17 police officers, Chief Stiefer logged more than 3,000 hours of
18 training over the course of his career and obtained an associate's
19 degree from Tyler Junior College; moreover, in 1999, he earned the
20 highest possible rank from the Commission on Law Enforcement
21 Officer Standards and Education; known as a caring and encouraging
22 leader, he put his staff before himself and worked tirelessly to
23 benefit the department; he retired in 2001; and

24 WHEREAS, That same year, Chief Stiefer was elected to

1 represent District 4 on the Jacksonville City Council, and he went
2 on to serve as mayor pro tem until 2006; and

3 WHEREAS, Floyd Stiefer dedicated his life to serving his
4 hometown community, and he will be long remembered with admiration
5 and affection by all those who were privileged to know him; 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 Floyd Wayne Stiefer
9 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
10 true love, Shine Chancellor; to his mother, Jewel Stiefer; to his
11 daughter, Shannon Ellis, and her husband, James; to his
12 grandchildren, Courtney Ellis and Dustin Ellis; to his sister,
13 Charlotte Taylor, and her husband, Weldon; to his brother, Ricky
14 Stiefer, and his wife, Cynthia; to his nephews and nieces, Matt
15 Taylor and his wife Stephanie, Zach Taylor, Sara Griffin and her
16 husband, Luke, Erin Taylor, Jason Stiefer, Melanie Stiefer, and
17 Nathan Stiefer and his wife, Tamara; and to his other relatives and
18 many friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Floyd
22 Stiefer.