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H.R. No. 819

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Lubbock
2 resident Harold Dennis Long, who died on February 22, 2011, at the
3 age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, Harold Long was born in Crosby County on June 25,
5 1933, to Buster and Allie Long; he grew up in Hale County and moved
6 in 1944 to Lubbock, where he graduated from high school in 1951; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Long was an independent businessman who began
8 his own excavation company a few years after high school and ran it
9 for two decades, and he went on to become a successful custom home
10 builder for the next 39 years; knowledgeable in his field, he was a
11 member of the West Texas Home Builders Association and the National
12 Association of Home Builders; and

13 WHEREAS, He was devoted to his family and shared a fulfilling
14 relationship with his wife of 57 years, LaWanda Jean; he was also
15 the father of three children, LaVenda, LaQuita, and William, and he
16 and his wife were blessed with four grandchildren and three
17 great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Long was baptized as a Jehovah's Witness in
19 1950, and he remained a man of strong religious faith for the rest
20 of his life; in his leisure time, he enjoyed golf and fine wine, and
21 he loved to explore the world with Mrs. Long, traveling with her to
22 44 countries; and

23 WHEREAS, Harold Long lived a full and generous life, and
24 cherished memories of time spent in his company will forever endure

1 in the hearts of his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Harold Dennis Long
4 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
5 wife, LaWanda Jean Long; to his daughters, LaVenda Jo Lee and her
6 husband, Steve, and LaQuita Kay Beck and her husband, Rodney; to his
7 grandchildren, Brandi Stansifer and her husband, Zac, Clifford Ross
8 and his wife, Cassandra, Jordan Ross and his wife, Tara, and Megan
9 Spykes; to his great-grandchildren, Lily Ross, Augustine Ross, and
10 Ariaah Spykes; to his brother and sister, Gerald Long and Betty
11 Hargis; to his uncle, John Moore; and to his other relatives and
12 friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Harold
16 Dennis Long.