

By: Gonzales of Williamson

H.R. No. 832

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Hutto lost one of their most admired  
2 community leaders with the death of the Honorable Edmund G. Schmidt  
3 on February 21, 2011, at the age of 89; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of East Williamson County, Edmund Schmidt  
5 was born on January 5, 1922, the first of nine children of Rosa and  
6 F. H. Schmidt; he grew up tending to his family's farm and learning  
7 the grocery trade at his weekend job in Taylor; in 1942, he joined  
8 the U.S. Army, serving in a medical evacuation detachment on ships  
9 in the Pacific theater and in a field hospital in New Guinea; his  
10 outstanding efforts in behalf of his country earned him a number of  
11 honors, including two Bronze Star Medals; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Schmidt married the former Julia Hurta in 1942;  
13 the couple settled in Hutto in 1951 and opened Red & White Grocery,  
14 operating the thriving business for nearly four decades until 1990,  
15 when Mr. Schmidt opened a local chapter of Germania Insurance; and

16           WHEREAS, Dedicated to giving back to his fellow residents,  
17 Mr. Schmidt began his distinguished tenure in public office as a  
18 member of the city council, and he went on to serve as mayor for two  
19 decades; in later years, he continued his public service through  
20 his work with the zoning board of adjustment and the Hutto Education  
21 Foundation; and

22           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was a charter member of the  
23 local chamber of commerce and the Lions Club, where he had 55 years  
24 of perfect attendance and was recognized with the Melvin Jones

1 Fellowship Award; and

2 WHEREAS, The life of Edmund Schmidt stands as an outstanding  
3 example of positive civic engagement, and he leaves behind a record  
4 of service that his loved ones can remember with pride; 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 the Honorable Edmund  
8 G. Schmidt and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family:  
9 to his wife of 69 years, Julia Schmidt; to his sons, Dennis Schmidt  
10 and his wife, Rosemary, and David Schmidt and his wife, Jessica; to  
11 his daughters, Jennifer Goodenow and her husband, Kenneth, and  
12 Corliss Powell and her husband, Ted; to his 12 grandchildren and his  
13 7 great-grandchildren; to his sisters, Rose Hardin, Nathalie  
14 Engling and her husband, Karl, and Shirley Halstead; and to his  
15 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the  
19 Honorable Edmund G. Schmidt.