

By: Smith of Harris

H.R. No. 914

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Deer Park lost an admired civic leader with the  
2 passing of city council member Charles Garrison on February 9,  
3 2011, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, A veteran of World War II, Mr. Garrison served his  
5 country in the United States Navy; he earned his bachelor's degree  
6 in business administration from North Texas State University and  
7 his master's degree from Stephen F. Austin State University, and he  
8 undertook postgraduate studies at the University of Houston as  
9 well; in 1962, he moved to Deer Park and began his career in  
10 education as a public school teacher; he eventually retired as the  
11 Deer Park Independent School District assistant superintendent,  
12 and among his professional affiliations was his service as  
13 president of Gulf Coast School Business Officials; and

14 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan dedicated nearly a  
15 quarter-century to the city council, serving from 1981 to 1993 and  
16 again from 1999 onward; his financial acumen and calm, deliberate  
17 approach contributed greatly to the effectiveness of the council;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his community, Mr. Garrison also  
20 gave generously of his time and talents as a member of the National  
21 League of Cities and the Texas Municipal League; in addition, he  
22 served as president of the Harris County Appraisal District Board,  
23 the Kiwanis Club, and the Deer Park Teenage Baseball League and as  
24 treasurer of the Lions Club; and

1           WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Garrison shared a  
2 rewarding marriage with his wife, Sherry; he was the proud father of  
3 five children, John, Frank, Todd, Jennifer, and Brent, and in later  
4 years, he took great pleasure in showing his support for his five  
5 grandchildren's activities in school, sports, and drama programs;  
6 moreover, he enjoyed traveling, fishing, gardening, watching  
7 University of Texas football, and playing poker; and

8           WHEREAS, Charles Garrison made a positive difference in  
9 countless lives through his exemplary service as an educator and  
10 public official, and those who were privileged to share in the  
11 richness of his life will forever remember him with respect and  
12 admiration; now, therefore, be it

13           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charles Garrison  
15 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
16 wife, Sherry Garrison; to his children, John Garrison and his wife,  
17 Hilda, Frank Garrison and his wife, Diane, Todd Ford and his wife,  
18 Georgette, Jennifer Railey and her husband, Jack, and Brent Ford  
19 and his wife, Robbie; to his grandchildren, Gracie and Morgan  
20 Railey, Hayden and Jenna Ford, and Morgan Lafferty; and to his other  
21 relatives and friends; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles  
25 Garrison.