

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life filled with notable accomplishments and
2 meaningful service drew to a close with the passing of the Honorable
3 Charles D. Kirkham, Jr., of Cleburne on April 16, 2010, at the age
4 of 84; and

5 WHEREAS, Charles Kirkham was born in Cleburne on July 28,
6 1925, to Charles D. Kirkham, Sr., and Mary Ellen Payne Kirkham;
7 after graduating from Cleburne High School in 1943, he served with
8 the 94th Infantry Division of the U.S. Army during World War II, and
9 his valiant actions were recognized with the Purple Heart, the
10 Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Bronze Star; and

11 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Kirkham continued his education
12 at Texas A&M University, becoming president of the student senate
13 and earning his degree in 1950; he went on to establish a successful
14 career with Merrill Lynch and retired as a vice president after 45
15 years with the company; and

16 WHEREAS, Beyond his professional accomplishments, Mr.
17 Kirkham dedicated himself to public service and to addressing
18 important issues in his state; in 1954, voters in Cleburne and
19 Johnson County elected him to the Texas House of Representatives,
20 and he was a member of the 53rd and 54th Texas Legislatures; in
21 addition, he was chair of the Texas Good Roads/Transportation
22 Association, and he earned the prestigious Road Hand Award from the
23 Texas Transportation Commission in 1993; and

24 WHEREAS, His leadership skills were also put to good use in

1 his service as Texas chair of the Employer Support of the Guard and
2 Reserve organization and as a member of the board of the Texas A&M
3 University Association of Former Students; moreover, he was a
4 founding member of the Dallas Friday Group and a congregant of
5 Highland Park Presbyterian Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his nation, his community, and his
7 family, Charles Kirkham made a positive difference in the lives of
8 his loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and his contributions
9 will be remembered and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charles D. Kirkham,
13 Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to
14 his sons, Chad Kirkham and his wife, Leanne, and Colin Kirkham and
15 his wife, Allison; to his daughter, Cathy Burhen; to his
16 grandchildren, Paris Burhen, Pallas Burhen, Paige Kirkham, Jack
17 Kirkham, and Chad Kirkham; to his sister, Wilma Kirkham Reed; to his
18 nieces, Karen Malone and Sylvia Massey; and to his other relatives
19 and friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 1019

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1019 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 7, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House