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H.R. No. 1166

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Lakeway residents lost an admired civic leader with
2 the death of former Village of Lakeway mayor Cuth Kenneth Shepherd
3 on March 9, 2011, at the age of 98; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Effie Pearl Winnop Shepherd and William
5 Cuth Shepherd, Ken Shepherd was born on his parents' farm in Eldon,
6 Missouri, on September 21, 1912; he graduated from Eldon High
7 School in 1931 and attended the University of Missouri until he was
8 commissioned as a second lieutenant through the ROTC; during World
9 War II, he served his country in the Pacific theater as a major in
10 the United States Army Air Corps; his decorations included an Army
11 Commendation Medal and Philippine Liberation Medal with a bronze
12 star; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Shepherd began working as a geophysicist for the
14 Continental Oil Company before the war; over the course of a long
15 and distinguished career, he served the corporation in numerous
16 capacities, accepting lengthy postings to Africa and the Middle
17 East and serving as manager of Conoco Central Region and president
18 of Sahara Petroleum Services Company in Alexandria, Egypt, among
19 other key positions; he retired from Conoco in 1976 as president of
20 Dubai Petroleum Company in the United Arab Emirates; moreover, he
21 served as president of the Oklahoma Petroleum Council and as an
22 advisor to the governor of Oklahoma; and

23 WHEREAS, A devoted husband, Mr. Shepherd shared a rewarding
24 marriage with the former Betty Doris Perkins; he was the proud

1 father of a daughter, Carol Sue, and son, William Kenneth, and in
2 later years he knew the joy of becoming a grandfather and
3 great-grandfather; and

4 WHEREAS, In his retirement, Mr. Shepherd moved to Lakeway to
5 enjoy time with his loved ones and play golf; he was dedicated to
6 the community and helped guide it through a period of rapid growth
7 and development as mayor for two terms, from 1983-1987 and
8 1990-1991; his diplomatic yet decisive approach eased its
9 transition from a village to a city; in addition, he served as
10 president of Lakeway Civic Corporation and was a member of Chi
11 Epsilon Fraternity and a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason, and he
12 contributed generously to the construction of the narthex of
13 Lakeway Church; and

14 WHEREAS, The University of Missouri granted Mr. Shepherd his
15 bachelor's degree in civil engineering when he was 95; dignitaries
16 from his alma mater attended the graduation ceremony at his home,
17 along with many friends and relatives; and

18 WHEREAS, Ken Shepherd led a life rich with accomplishment,
19 and his dedication to Lakeway made a lasting, positive difference;
20 although he will be deeply missed, he will long be remembered with
21 admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Cuth Kenneth Shepherd
24 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
25 daughter, Carol Sue Shepherd Alborn, and her husband, Gus; to his
26 son, William Kenneth Shepherd, and his wife, Carole; to his
27 grandchildren, Shannon Lynn Bohny, Matthew Kenneth Alborn, Melissa

1 Anne Shepherd, and Sarah Gwenn Browning; to his
2 great-grandchildren, Blair Bohny, Chelsea Bohny, Eric Alborn, Adam
3 Alborn, and Amelia Browning; to Keith Shepherd and Dorothy Nathan;
4 and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Cuth
8 Kenneth Shepherd.