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H.R. No. 1189

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The 99th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed  
2 cause for celebration, and Roy DeWitt Deen of Wills Point is marking  
3 that special day on November 24, 2011; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Van Zandt County in 1912 to John and Duron  
5 Deen, DeWitt Deen was the second of five children; in his youth, he  
6 helped grow cotton and grain on the family farm, and he graduated  
7 from Wills Point High School in 1931; two years later, his father  
8 established J. E. Deen's & Sons in Wills Point, selling tractors and  
9 farm equipment, and the business, now known as the Deen Implement  
10 Company, is still owned by members of the family today; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Deen married Mary Sue Hall of Canton on April 11,  
12 1941, and they soon thereafter moved to a 100-acre property in the  
13 Enterprise community north of Wills Point; over the course of the  
14 next 70 years, Mr. Deen accumulated nearly 1,600 acres of land and  
15 transitioned from farming to ranching; he continues to be involved  
16 in the daily operations of his ranch; a member of the Texas and  
17 Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, he has also served on the  
18 board of the Van Zandt County branch of the Texas Farm Bureau and  
19 chaired a tri-county soil and water conservation board; and

20           WHEREAS, For nearly 60 years, Mr. Deen enjoyed the love and  
21 support of his wife, Mary Sue, until her passing in 2001, and the  
22 couple shared in the joy of welcoming into their family six  
23 children, Sarah, Donna, David, Roy, Thomas, and Eddie; Mr. Deen's  
24 family has since grown to include 13 grandchildren and 6

1 great-grandchildren, and he takes great pride in the fact that all  
2 of his children as well as seven grandchildren and three  
3 great-grandchildren graduated from the same high school he  
4 attended; and

5 WHEREAS, Thought to be the oldest member of the First Baptist  
6 Church of Wills Point, DeWitt Deen is a source of wisdom and  
7 inspiration to all who are privileged to know him, and it is a  
8 pleasure to honor him on nearly a century of life well lived; now,  
9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate Roy DeWitt Deen on his 99th  
12 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued  
13 happiness; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for Mr. Deen as an expression of high regard by the Texas  
16 House of Representatives.