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H.R. No. 1297

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of George C. Coppage, Jr., of Hewitt, who passed away on March 8,
3 2011, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Kentucky to George Coppage, Sr., and Myrtle
5 Coppage on January 3, 1922, George Coppage answered his nation's
6 call to duty and served with the U.S. Army during the Second World
7 War; he subsequently served with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in
8 Korea and with the U.S. Air Force Strategic Air Command as a crew
9 chief on a B-47; and

10 WHEREAS, This distinguished veteran retired from the air
11 force with the rank of staff sergeant in 1970 and then worked in
12 Kentucky as a state park ranger and later as an investigator with
13 the Office of the Attorney General; after retiring from the
14 Commonwealth of Kentucky, he moved to Texas, where he worked with
15 the Texas Ranger Hall of Fame and Museum in Waco and with the
16 Salvation Army; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Coppage was married first to Evelyn Hoxie
18 Coppage, who predeceased him; fortunate to find love once again, he
19 enjoyed a rewarding marriage with his second wife, Betty; he was
20 blessed with three children, Carol, Ashley, and Tim, as well as
21 eight grandchildren, seven great-grandchildren, and four
22 great-great-grandchildren; he was a member of the Scottish Rite and
23 attained the level of 32nd degree Mason; a great storyteller, he
24 kept his family members enthralled with tales of his many

1 experiences; and

2 WHEREAS, George Coppage, Jr., lived a rich and purposeful
3 life centered around his family and his country, and he will long be
4 remembered with deep affection by all who knew him; now, therefore,
5 be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of George C. Coppage,
8 Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:
9 to his wife, Betty Coppage; to his children and their spouses, Carol
10 and Mike Barnes, Ashley and Mike Marsili, and Tim and Lu Coppage; to
11 his sister, Janice Huerta, and her husband, Jerry; to his brother,
12 Kenny Coppage, and his wife, Fay; to his grandchildren,
13 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and to his
14 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of George C.
18 Coppage, Jr.