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H.R. No. 1420

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life filled with notable accomplishments drew to a
2 close when the Honorable Hiram Childress of Temple passed away on
3 February 10, 2011, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, Hiram Childress was born in Sweetwater on September
5 10, 1916, to Dan and Eula Mae Childress; after graduating from
6 Eastland High School, he attended Southern Methodist University,
7 where he earned a bachelor of laws degree in 1940; and

8 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty during World War
9 II, Mr. Childress joined the U.S. Army in 1942; assigned to the Army
10 Air Corps, he attained the rank of captain and served as an
11 intelligence officer in Britain, where he helped plan Allied
12 bombing missions against Germany; after the war, he continued to
13 serve his country with the U.S. Air Force Reserve until 1957, when
14 he was honorably discharged with the rank of major; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Childress returned to Sweetwater at the end of
16 the war to open a law practice; drawn to public service, he soon ran
17 for a seat in the Texas House of Representatives, where he served
18 for two terms, from 1949 to 1953; during that time, he chaired the
19 Committee on Conservation and Reclamation and served on the Water
20 Code and Criminal Jurisprudence Committees, among others; and

21 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from the legislature, Mr.
22 Childress opened a law office in Temple; he later relocated to
23 Washington, D.C., to work with the U.S. Department of Agriculture;
24 and

1 WHEREAS, Hiram Childress and his wife, the former Juanita
2 Bush, were joined in matrimony on January 10, 1965, and enjoyed a
3 rewarding 46 years together; shortly after their marriage, he
4 retired from the agriculture department and moved back to Temple to
5 resume his law practice; and

6 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was a valued congregant of
7 Avenue T Church of Christ in Temple, and he was affiliated with Elks
8 lodges in both Temple and Sweetwater; he was also a Master Mason and
9 a member of Shriners International; and

10 WHEREAS, A distinguished member of the State Bar of Texas for
11 71 years, Hiram Childress built a successful career in both the
12 public and private sectors, and he leaves behind a record of service
13 that his loved ones can indeed remember with pride; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Honorable Hiram
17 Childress and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
18 family: to his wife, Juanita Childress; to his brother and
19 sister-in-law, Robert and Mary Childress; and to his other
20 relatives and friends; and, be it further

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