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H.R. No. 1501

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Fred Shely, who passed away on February 18, 2011, at the age of
3 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in San Antonio to Terry and Belle Clark Shely on
5 October 5, 1927, Fred Shely grew up on the family ranch in Marathon;
6 at 17, he joined the United States Merchant Marine, and he returned
7 to ranching when he left the service; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1947, Mr. Shely married the former Kathryn Glen
9 Hegelund, and they forged a happy union that continued for more than
10 60 years until her passing in 2010; the couple were the parents of a
11 son, Fred, and two daughters, Terry Jean and Nancy, and later saw
12 their family grow to include two additional generations; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Shely and his father purchased and operated the
14 Pinto Canyon Ranch, which included goat, sheep, cattle, and mining
15 operations; the Shelys made their home in Marfa, where Mr. Shely
16 served on the board of Rio Grande Electric Cooperative and the Marfa
17 City Council, held the office of president of the school board, and
18 was a member of the congregation at First Baptist Church; the family
19 later moved to Lajitas, where they managed the golf course and its
20 pro shop; Mr. Shely served as the course pro and was well known for
21 having five holes-in-one to his credit; he was also an amateur pilot
22 who thrilled passengers with his daredevil aviation skills; and

23 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Fred Shely had a generous
24 heart and an adventurous spirit, and he will be greatly missed by

1 all those who had the privilege of knowing him; now, therefore, be
2 it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Fred Shely and
5 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
6 daughters, Terry Jean Shely Allen and her husband, Ray, and Nancy
7 Shely Costantino and her husband, Joe; to his grandchildren, Robert
8 Elms and his wife, Carole, Amy Allen, Mindy Wiggins and her husband,
9 Cary, Nancy Belcher and her husband, Blake, and Katy Allen; to his
10 great-grandchildren, Taylor and Maya Elms, Kaitlyn Wiggins, and
11 Raylee and Britton Belcher; and to his other relatives and friends;
12 and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Fred Shely.