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H.R. No. 1570

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of El Paso lost one of its most beloved
2 residents with the death of Dorr M. Miller on April 9, 2011, at the
3 age of 99; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Abilene on November 23, 1911, Dorr Miller
5 moved to El Paso with his family in 1926; he graduated from El Paso
6 High School in 1929 and attended the Texas College of Mines and
7 Metallurgy, now The University of Texas at El Paso, after which he
8 worked for Standard Oil Company in New Mexico for several years; he
9 answered his nation's call to duty during World War II, enlisting in
10 the U.S. Army in April 1942; during the war he served in Europe with
11 General Patton's 3rd Army for 22 months and saw action during the
12 Battle of the Bulge; he received five campaign stars for his service
13 and was discharged from the army in February 1946 with the rank of
14 captain; and

15 WHEREAS, After the war Mr. Miller returned to El Paso, where
16 he opened M & M Refrigeration Supply with his brother, L. A. Miller,
17 in July 1948; the business was a success and they were able to add
18 stores in Albuquerque, Tucson, and Chihuahua; and

19 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Miller held lifetime
20 membership in the Greater El Paso Chamber of Commerce and served as
21 president of the chamber, the El Paso Central YMCA Board, the El
22 Paso Country Club, Los Caballeros, and the El Paso Historical
23 Society; he also volunteered his time with the Boy Scouts, Active
24 20-30 International, and the United Way; in addition, he played an

1 instrumental role in the community effort to bring professional
2 baseball back to El Paso, an endeavor that culminated in the El Paso
3 Sun Kings taking the field in 1961; in 1957 the City of El Paso
4 honored him with the Conquistador Award, the city's highest honor;
5 and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Miller enjoyed 42 years of marriage with his
7 first wife, the former Jacqueline Nash, and they were blessed with
8 two sons; after her death in 1989, he was fortunate enough to find
9 love again with Betty Jean Ponder, with whom he shared a rewarding
10 marriage until her passing; and

11 WHEREAS, Known for his kind and generous nature, Mr. Miller
12 was a friend to many; he greatly enjoyed the outdoors and loved
13 hunting, fishing, and golfing; and

14 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community, Dorr
15 Miller made a meaningful difference in the lives of his loved ones
16 and fellow citizens alike, and his contributions will be fondly
17 remembered for years to come; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dorr M. Miller and
20 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his sons
21 and daughter-in-law, James "Jamie" Miller and Ronald "Ron" and Judy
22 Miller; to his granddaughters, Melissa Burkett, Jennifer Barthels,
23 and Ashley Miller; to his grandson, Grayson Miller; to his
24 step-grandson, Christian Barron; to his five great-grandchildren;
25 to his friend, Kate Crombie; and to his other relatives and friends;
26 and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dorr M.
3 Miller.