

By: Smithee

H.R. No. 1736

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The citizens of Hereford lost one of their most  
2 admired business and community leaders with the death of Francis  
3 Edward Barrett on December 31, 2010, at the age of 88; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Wendell, Idaho, on October 29, 1922, to Fred  
5 and May Barrett, Frank Barrett worked on his father's potato farm  
6 while growing up; he graduated from high school in 1940, and that  
7 same year he moved with his family to Hereford, where they  
8 established a farming and shipping business to supply fresh  
9 potatoes for the summer market; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Barrett earned his bachelor's degree at what is  
11 now West Texas A&M University; he took a keen interest in campus  
12 affairs, winning election as student body president, and he  
13 continued to actively support the school in later years, serving as  
14 a member of the board of regents and as president of the alumni  
15 association; in 1990, he was recognized with the Distinguished  
16 Alumnus Award for his professional accomplishments and service to  
17 the university; and

18           WHEREAS, A successful farmer and businessman, Mr. Barrett was  
19 inducted into the Texas Produce Association Hall of Fame in 2004; he  
20 remained involved in his family's enterprise throughout his life,  
21 and in 2010 he saw the Barrett farms mark 101 consecutive years of  
22 potato production; and

23           WHEREAS, In addition to helping to guide an extensive  
24 agricultural operation, Mr. Barrett served on the Hereford City

1 Commission and employed his time and talents in myriad other ways in  
2 behalf of his community; he was also an enthusiastic booster of the  
3 local schools and athletic programs and was once named as Hereford  
4 High School Fan of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, Frank Barrett married the former Betty Jane Caldwell  
6 on September 6, 1952, in Canyon; they enjoyed more than 51 rewarding  
7 years together, until her passing on April 4, 2004, and they were  
8 blessed with three children, John, Nancy, and Steven, as well as  
9 five grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan could take pride in a long  
11 record of constructive endeavors, and those who were privileged to  
12 share in his love and affection will forever hold him close in their  
13 hearts; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Frank Barrett and  
16 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
17 children and their spouses, John Bruce Barrett and his wife, Cindy,  
18 Nancy Purcell and her husband, Bill Whitmore, and Steven Frank  
19 Barrett and his wife, Therese; to his grandchildren, James Barrett,  
20 Megan Barrett, Jason Purcell, Liam Barrett, and Brennan Barrett;  
21 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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