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H.R. No. 2205

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of Glidden Dean O'Connor, Jr., of Waco, who passed away on
3 April 17, 2011, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on December 17, 1926, in Houston, Glidden
5 O'Connor graduated from Jefferson Davis High School in 1944 and
6 promptly volunteered for the United States Army Air Corps; he
7 served in the Air Transport Command, flying routes in the South
8 Pacific during World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. O'Connor attended Baylor
10 University and received a degree in chemistry in 1949; he enlisted
11 in the U.S. Air Force the following year, serving as a second
12 lieutenant with the 17th Bomb Wing of the 5th Air Force in Korea; in
13 1951, while at James Connally Air Force Base, he met Nancy Rohan, a
14 longtime Waco resident, and they soon married and went on to share
15 nearly 50 years together before her passing and to welcome three
16 children, George, Kelly, and Kathleen, into their family; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. O'Connor enjoyed a notable career in the
18 wholesale supply business as president of the Rohan and William
19 Cameron companies in Waco and the CertainTeed Corporation in
20 Pennsylvania, and he was recognized for his professional
21 achievements in *The Wall Street Journal* in 1980; he retired in 1988;
22 and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was a member of the board of
24 directors of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce and local

1 chapters of the YMCA, the Better Business Bureau, the American
2 Heart Association, and the March of Dimes; after his retirement, he
3 became a Master Gardener, traveled widely, and supported the Baylor
4 Bear Foundation, the Baylor Alumni Association, and the Baylor Lady
5 Bear basketball team; and

6 WHEREAS, A proud patriot, successful businessman, and
7 devoted patriarch, Glidden O'Connor, Jr., lived a rich and
8 purposeful life, and he will long be remembered with deep affection
9 by all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Glidden D. O'Connor,
12 Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
13 his children, George Rohan O'Connor and his wife, Sherry, Kelly
14 O'Connor Scheddel and her husband, Jack, and Kathleen O'Connor and
15 Loretta Welch; to his sister, Sheila Horne, and her husband, Dell;
16 to his grandchildren, Amber O'Connor and her husband, James Webb,
17 Flynn O'Connor and his wife, Jacqui, Caitlin O'Connor, Meggan
18 McKinzie, Hayley McKinzie, Tamara Hurwitz and her husband, Kevin,
19 and Amy Johnston; to his six great-grandchildren; to his close
20 friend and companion, Tyla Oswald; and to his other relatives and
21 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 Glidden
25 D. O'Connor, Jr.