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H.R. No. 2209

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Julius Albert Backus of Waco, who died on April 14, 2011, at the
3 age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, "Juke" Backus was born on June 23, 1927, in Weesaw
5 Township, Berrien County, Michigan, to Emil and Elsie Backus; he
6 grew up on a small farm and answered his nation's call to duty with
7 service in the U.S. Army; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1949, Mr. Backus married the former Helen Durkot,
9 and through the years, the couple made their home in Michigan,
10 Florida, and Georgia before retiring to Waco; together they were
11 blessed with two daughters, Janet and Pamela, and their family
12 later grew to include two grandchildren and a great-granddaughter;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Skilled with his hands, Mr. Backus was known for his
15 fine woodwork and ability to fix nearly anything; he enjoyed a
16 variety of occupations, constructing and insulating homes, working
17 in a lumber mill and a carpet mill, and owning a craft store; a
18 lifelong Lutheran, he was a member of St. Paul Lutheran Church in
19 Bellmead; and

20 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Julius Backus
21 will remember the way he touched their lives with his kindness,
22 generosity, and compassion, and he will forever hold a treasured
23 place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas

1 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Julius Albert
2 Backus and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:
3 to his daughters, Janet Hurta and her husband, Glenn, and Pamela
4 Koch and her husband, Tom; to his grandson, Marcus Koch; to his
5 granddaughter, Nichole Nolan and her husband, Fred; to his
6 great-granddaughter, Trinity Nolan; to his sisters, Hattie Friar
7 and Edna Thompson and her husband, Ed; to his brother, Russell
8 Backus and his wife, Lorraine; to his special friend, Gloria Logue;
9 and to his other friends and relatives; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Julius
13 Albert Backus.