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H.R. No. 2233

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are celebrating the life of
2 Lawrence James Tanner, Jr., of Waco, who passed away on April 19,
3 2011, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, "Ted" Tanner was born to L. J. and Barbara Green
5 Tanner on July 31, 1923, in Athens, Texas; during World War II, he
6 served his country faithfully as a member of the United States Navy;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Tanner was joined in marriage to the former Mary
9 Edna Hunt, and the couple shared a rewarding relationship that was
10 further enriched with the addition of two children, five
11 grandchildren, and six great-grandchildren; and

12 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan worked as a claim and damage
13 supervisor for the MKT Railroad for 16 years, the Pennsylvania
14 Railroad for 22 years, and Conrail until his retirement; a man of
15 strong faith, Mr. Tanner served his fellow congregants at Oaklawn
16 Baptist Church in the roles of deacon and custodian, and he often
17 greeted worshipers and visitors to the church, welcoming everyone
18 with a warm smile; and

19 WHEREAS, Ted Tanner enriched the lives of all who were
20 privileged to share in his love and friendship, and they will
21 forever remember him with great admiration and affection; now,
22 therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lawrence James

1 Tanner, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
2 family: to his wife, Mary Edna Tanner; to his daughters and
3 son-in-law, Kathleen Tanner and Susan and Michael Smedley; to his
4 granddaughters, Nadine Stepp, Serena and Teresa Smedley, Jane
5 Peterson, and Jennifer Holley; to his great-grandchildren,
6 Isabella and Rosemary Stepp, Avarey and Brianna Peterson, and
7 Cypher and Bastian Holley; and to his other relatives and friends;
8 and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ted Tanner.