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H.R. No. 2237

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of Donald E. Harris of Lorena, who passed away on April 13, 2011, at  
4 the age of 73; and

5           WHEREAS, Don Harris was born in Kansas on August 26, 1937, to  
6 Warren and Doris Harris; he moved with his family to Corpus Christi  
7 as a youth and met his future wife, Donna, while in high school  
8 there; the couple married in 1957 and together shared 53 years and  
9 were blessed with two children, Kenneth and Denise; and

10           WHEREAS, Beginning as a dirt-track racer in his teens, Mr.  
11 Harris was an avid motorcyclist who earned expert status with the  
12 American Motorcycle Association; after he left racing in 1965, he  
13 and his wife bought the Harley-Davidson motorcycle shop in Waco,  
14 which they ran for a decade; Mr. Harris then taught motorcycle  
15 mechanics classes at Texas State Technical College and went on to  
16 teach riding and safety courses across Texas until 2010; through  
17 the years, he also worked at Central Texas Clarklift in Waco and C.  
18 C. Jones Chevrolet in Marlin; and

19           WHEREAS, Mr. Harris took great pleasure in his involvement  
20 with the motorcycling community; he belonged to the Waco Eagles  
21 Motorcycle Club and rode regularly with his friends in the  
22 Shriners; and

23           WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Mr.  
24 Harris delighted in time spent with his family, especially camping

1 in Garner State Park and taking his grandchildren on sunrise  
2 motorcycle rides; and

3 WHEREAS, Don Harris lived a life that was rich in the  
4 intangibles that matter most, and he is deeply missed by all those  
5 who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Donald E. Harris and  
8 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his son,  
9 Kenneth Harris, and his wife, Gail; to his daughter, Denise  
10 Ledbetter, and her husband, William; to his six grandchildren and  
11 two great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many  
12 friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Donald E.  
16 Harris.