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H.R. No. 2282

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of the Cedar Creek Lake area lost a
2 beloved neighbor and admired civic leader with the passing of
3 Charles Benjamin Stiff on May 9, 2011, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Blossom, Mr. Stiff was born on October
5 13, 1934, to Edward and Nancy Stiff; he served his country as a
6 member of the U.S. Navy for eight years before joining Southwestern
7 Fire and Casualty Insurance Company as an underwriter; devoted to
8 his family, he shared 36 years with his wife, Euthema, with whom he
9 had two sons, Michael and Bradley; and

10 WHEREAS, The couple settled in the Cedar Creek Lake area in
11 1978, and Mr. Stiff became an active member of the community;
12 through the years, he shared his time with the volunteer fire
13 department, the school district, and the chamber of commerce; he
14 served on the Gun Barrel City Council and as mayor and worked for
15 the *Athens Daily Review* and the *Cedar Creek Pilot*, earning the
16 nickname "Mr. Papparazzi" for his many years as a photographer; and

17 WHEREAS, Known for his humor, enthusiasm, and generosity,
18 Charles Stiff lived a caring and purposeful life, and he leaves
19 behind a record of service that his loved ones can remember with
20 pride; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Charles Benjamin
23 Stiff and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
24 his son, Bradley Stiff; to his granddaughters, Lauren and Bailey

1 Stiff; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles
6 Benjamin Stiff.