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H.R. No. 2288

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Roy E. Kokel of Waco on February 20, 2011, at the age of
3 92; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Walburg on August 3, 1918, Mr. Kokel worked
5 on the family farm as a youngster, picking cotton and raising hogs
6 and White King pigeons; he served his country in the United States
7 Air Force during World War II and worked on airplanes; after the
8 war, he embarked on a career as a barber that spanned more than four
9 decades, and he built a loyal clientele as co-owner of Diamond Point
10 Barber Shop; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Kokel shared a rewarding relationship with his
12 wife, Flora, until her death in 2001; he was devoted to his son,
13 Roy, and his daughter, Cindy, whom he nicknamed "Bird" after Lady
14 Bird Johnson; as the years went by, he dedicated himself to his
15 grandchildren as well, and he played an important role in the lives
16 of other members of his extended family; his warm, friendly smile
17 and many kind acts touched the hearts of innumerable people; a man
18 of faith, he was a lifelong member of Trinity Lutheran Church; and

19 WHEREAS, Although Roy Kokel is deeply missed, memories of his
20 integrity, compassion, and steadfast love for his family remain to
21 comfort and inspire those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Roy E. Kokel and
24 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his

1 daughter, Cindy Jensen, and her husband, Damian; to his son, Roy E.
2 Kokel, Jr.; to his brother, Earnest Kokel, Jr.; to his five
3 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren; and to his other
4 relatives and friends; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roy Kokel.