

By: King of Hemphill

H.R. No. 178

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The loss of retired pastor Ivan Eugene Allen of Lake
2 Jackson on May 21, 2012, is keenly felt by the many people whose
3 lives he forever enriched; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Ivan and Aletta Allen on a family farm near
5 Booker on September 25, 1922, Ivan Allen graduated from Booker High
6 School in 1940; he then enrolled at Texas Technological College in
7 Lubbock and became a member of the U.S. Army Reserve Officer
8 Training Corps; in 1942, he joined the Army Reserve, and he served
9 on active duty in the army for two years; and

10 WHEREAS, Following his military service, Mr. Allen returned
11 to operate the family farm, where he grew wheat and corn, raised
12 chickens, and ran a small dairy; he joined the Methodist church in
13 Booker, where he met his future wife, Helen Ball; married in 1945,
14 the couple went on to spend nearly six decades together and were
15 blessed with three children, Leta, Charles, and Roger; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Allen answered the call to enter the ministry,
17 and in 1960, he received his first appointment within the Methodist
18 Church, moving with his family to Morse; in addition to serving the
19 congregation, he earned a bachelor's degree in mathematics at
20 Panhandle A&M College in Oklahoma in 1962; he was ordained a deacon
21 that same year and later became an elder in the Northwest Texas
22 Conference of the Methodist Church; and

23 WHEREAS, Over the next three decades, Pastor Allen served
24 congregations in Morse, Childress, New Deal, Sunray, Stinnett,

1 Sweetwater, Munday, and White Deer, and for a dozen years he served
2 as statistician with the church's Northwest Texas conference;
3 retiring in 1988, he moved with his wife to Childress, where he
4 remained active in the church and served as a hospice chaplain at
5 Childress Regional Medical Center; a valued member of the Childress
6 community for more than two decades, he moved to Lake Jackson in
7 2009 to be closer to family; and

8 WHEREAS, Pastor Ivan Allen lived a caring and purposeful
9 life, and though his death has brought great sorrow to all who knew
10 him, he leaves behind a legacy of good works that will long resonate
11 in the communities in which he served; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
13 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
14 of Ivan Eugene Allen and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
15 his family: to his children, Leta Ruth Loyd and her husband, Roger,
16 Charles Roy Allen and his wife, Sanjuana, and Roger Keith Allen and
17 his wife, Neeta; to his brother, R. D. Allen, and his wife, Jane; to
18 his sisters, Mamie Agler, Effie Townsend, and Dorothy Tate; to his
19 sister-in-law, Dorothy Allen; to his seven grandchildren and seven
20 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
21 be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ivan Allen.