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H.R. No. 57

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their  
2 memories of James Coleman Godwin of Baytown, who passed away on June  
3 25, 2013, at the age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Mineola on September 1, 1925, James Godwin  
5 was the son of Iona and Homer Godwin; he answered his country's call  
6 to duty during World War II, serving with distinction in Okinawa as  
7 a member of the U.S. Navy; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Godwin returned to civilian life and settled in  
9 Baytown, where he worked for the Humble Oil Company and went on to  
10 retire from Exxon; he supported his community through his service  
11 with the Harris County Appraisal District Review Board and the  
12 Baytown City Council; in addition, he was active in the local  
13 Historical Museum Board and the Kiwanis Club, which named him  
14 Rookie of the Year and Kiwanian of the Year for his exceptional  
15 contributions; and

16 WHEREAS, A valued member of the Missouri Street Church of  
17 Christ, he enjoyed coaching boys' ball clubs, riding his tractor,  
18 and tending to his seven-acre "ranch"; above all else, he was  
19 devoted to his family, including his wife of nearly 63 years, Chic,  
20 sons, James and Richard, and grandchildren, Kristalynne, James, and  
21 Jordyn; and

22 WHEREAS, James Godwin lived a rich and rewarding life, and he  
23 will long be remembered with great admiration by all those who were  
24 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
2 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
3 James Coleman Godwin and extend deepest sympathy to the members of  
4 his family: to his wife, Chic Godwin; to his sons, James Godwin and  
5 Richard Godwin and his wife, Lori; to his grandchildren, Dr.  
6 Kristalynne Gray, James Godwin, and Jordyn Godwin; to his  
7 great-grandchild, Benjamin Nicholas Gray; and to his other  
8 relatives and friends; 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 James  
12 Coleman Godwin.