

By: Hughes

H.R. No. 142

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Wood County residents lost an esteemed member of
2 their community with the passing of Billy Frank Wansley of Quitman
3 on June 27, 2013, at the age of 65; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Mineola on April 15, 1948, Mr. Wansley was
5 the son of J. T. and Amie Wansley; shortly after graduating from
6 high school in Quitman, he joined the U.S. Marine Corps and
7 completed a tour of duty in Vietnam; and

8 WHEREAS, This courageous Texan subsequently forged a notable
9 33-year career in law enforcement; he served as sheriff of Wood
10 County from 2009 to 2012 and as chief of police in Quitman from 1995
11 to 2008; and

12 WHEREAS, A man of faith, Mr. Wansley was a valued congregant
13 of Lake Fork Baptist Church in Alba; his other affiliations
14 included the Sheriffs' Association of Texas, Marine Corps League
15 Detachment 1278, in Mineola, American Legion Post 340, in
16 Winnsboro, the Turkey Hill Shooting Club, in Mineola, the Lake
17 Country Fraternal Order of Police, the Lake Country Republicans,
18 and the American Quarter Horse Association; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Wansley and his first wife, Glenda, shared a
20 rewarding relationship until her passing; fortunate to find love a
21 second time, he enjoyed many happy family times with his wife
22 Jeanette and took great pride in a cherished family circle that
23 included their daughter, Tanya, and their two grandchildren; and

24 WHEREAS, Although Bill Wansley is deeply missed, he leaves

1 behind treasured memories and an admirable record of public
2 service, legacies that will continue to comfort and inspire all who
3 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
6 Billy Frank Wansley and extend sincere condolences to the members
7 of his family: to his wife, Jeanette Wansley; to his daughter, Tanya
8 Weems; to his siblings, Jerry Wansley, David Wansley, and Katie
9 Turnage; to his grandchildren, Jody and Josh; and to his many other
10 relatives and friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill
14 Wansley.