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H.C.R. No. 39

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable M. A. Taylor of Waco, who served his
2 constituents in McLennan and Falls Counties with tireless devotion
3 during four terms in the Texas House of Representatives, passed
4 away on February 5, 2013, at the age of 85; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Hewitt on October 30, 1927, Mr. Taylor was
6 the son of Mathilde Emilia and Mertz Anderson Taylor; he worked
7 alongside his father on the family farm and attended Hewitt and
8 Lorena public schools before enrolling in the Agricultural and
9 Mechanical College of Texas, now Texas A&M University; and

10 WHEREAS, After graduating, Mr. Taylor served as a business
11 manager for Higgs Orthopedic Clinic and later joined Central
12 Freight Lines, where he worked for more than three decades; when he
13 retired in 1982, he was vice president of corporate affairs and a
14 member of the board of directors and had served several terms as
15 president of the Central Federal Credit Union; and

16 WHEREAS, Throughout his tenure with Central Freight Lines,
17 this dynamic Texan was active in his local and state business
18 community; as a lifelong member of the Texas Association of
19 Business and Chambers of Commerce, Mr. Taylor held many offices,
20 including treasurer of the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, vice
21 president of the Texas State Chamber of Commerce, and president of
22 the East Texas Chamber of Commerce; in addition, he was a member of
23 the National Defense Executive Reserve and served as president for
24 a number of other professional organizations, including the Waco

1 Management and Personnel Association and the Waco Executive
2 Association; and

3 WHEREAS, Following his retirement from CFL, Mr. Taylor
4 established Management Action Techniques and Systems, a business
5 consulting firm, and then was elected to the Texas House of
6 Representatives in 1984, becoming only the second Republican to
7 represent McLennan County since Reconstruction; during his eight
8 years as a legislator, Mr. Taylor served on the Insurance and
9 Transportation Committees and was a member of the Conservative
10 Coalition, the Rural Caucus, and the Republican Caucus; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor continued to play a vital role in the
12 state's Republican party after leaving the house of
13 representatives; he was elected county chairman of the Republican
14 Party of McLennan County in 1994, and in 1999 he founded that
15 organization's Endowment Trust; he also contributed his expertise
16 to many other organizations, including the Election Commission of
17 McLennan County, the Texas Republican County Chairmen's
18 Association, and the Young Conservatives of Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to forging successful careers in
20 business and public service, Mr. Taylor contributed significantly
21 to the civic and cultural life of McLennan County, where he was born
22 and where he lived for many years; a Rotarian and a 33rd Degree
23 Mason, he served as president of the Waco Civic Theatre and the Red
24 Cross Gallon Club, in which he earned membership many times over as
25 a seven-gallon blood donor; he also served as vice president of the
26 Friends of the Moody Texas Ranger Memorial Library, as a member and
27 vice chair of the Providence Hospital Advisory Board, and as a

1 trustee of the Providence Healthcare Network; and

2 WHEREAS, A passionate supporter of the maroon and white,
3 Mr. Taylor's commitment to Texas A&M continued long past his
4 graduation; he held the offices of president of the Waco-McLennan
5 County A&M Club, district councilman for the Association of Former
6 Students, and director of the Greater Waco A&M Club, and for 30
7 years he worked with the university's Transportation Institute; and

8 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Taylor enjoyed the love
9 and support of his wife, Virginia Lynn Salmond Taylor, and their
10 three children, Marilynn, Kathy, and Mark Kevin; and

11 WHEREAS, M. A. Taylor leaves a legacy of accomplishments
12 that will continue to benefit the people in this state for years to
13 come, and he will long be remembered with deep affection and
14 admiration by all who were fortunate enough to share in the richness
15 of his life; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas
17 hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable M. A. Taylor and
18 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
19 Virginia Lynn Salmond Taylor; to his daughters, Marilynn Pagano and
20 Kathy Leighton; to his son, Mark Kevin Taylor; to his five
21 grandchildren and his great-grandchild; and to the other relatives
22 and friends of this distinguished Texan; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
26 M. A. Taylor.