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H.R. No. 119

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of Fred Lee Frazier, Sr., of Terrell, is a
2 source of enduring inspiration for all who have the good fortune to
3 know this esteemed centenarian; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Monroe and Betty Frazier, Fred Frazier
5 was born near Terrell on May 10, 1910; one of eight children raised
6 in a farming family, he grew up working the fields and taught
7 himself how to read and write; it was while picking cotton that
8 Mr. Frazier met his future wife, Mamie, and they were married a year
9 later, in 1933; the couple raised five children and lived happily
10 together for nearly seven decades, until Mrs. Frazier's passing in
11 2001; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Frazier entered the army in 1942 and served in
13 Alexandria, Louisiana, where he was trained in the medical corps;
14 following his discharge in 1945, he returned to farming before
15 going to work for Mr. and Mrs. James T. Bowers of Dallas; he managed
16 their busy household while their six children were small and became
17 a beloved member of the family, ultimately serving for more than 40
18 years before his retirement; and

19 WHEREAS, A longtime congregant of Bethlehem Baptist Church,
20 Mr. Frazier served as a deacon and as president of the usher board;
21 in his retirement, he has helped maintain the church as well as
22 homes and yards in the surrounding neighborhood; today, when he is
23 not helping others, he works in his own yard and enjoys relaxing in
24 his front porch swing; and

1 WHEREAS, This remarkable Texan has a great treasure trove of
2 stories, and by sharing his wonderfully detailed memories of times
3 gone by, he has opened windows to the past for younger generations;
4 his wisdom and experience have enriched the lives of countless
5 people, and he continues to be a shining example of kindness,
6 thoughtfulness, and devotion; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby celebrate the life of 102-year-old Fred Lee
9 Frazier, Sr., and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
10 happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for Mr. Frazier as an expression of high regard by the
13 Texas House of Representatives.