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H.R. No. 348

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Citizens of El Paso are mourning the loss of John  
2 Morris Garmon, who died on January 26, 2013, at the age of 72; and

3 WHEREAS, A native Texan, John Garmon was born on July 20,  
4 1940, to Jake and Ella Garmon; he graduated from Austin High School  
5 in El Paso and later attended Texas Western College; friendly and  
6 exuberant, he enjoyed a lifelong love of music, fronting a band  
7 called Johnny Garmon and the Shadows as a teenager and continuing to  
8 crank out rockabilly in his later years; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Garmon began his broadcasting career at radio  
10 station KELP in 1962, the start of a professional journey that  
11 spanned four decades and branched out into television; over the  
12 years, he worked for the local affiliates of all three major TV  
13 networks and served as a news anchor for more than a decade; and

14 WHEREAS, Known for his encyclopedic knowledge of the city,  
15 Mr. Garmon was a respected reporter and a generous mentor to younger  
16 journalists; and

17 WHEREAS, Possessed of a booming voice, he shared his time  
18 with the community by serving as an announcer for Hanks High School  
19 and University of Texas--El Paso football games, as well as for UTEP  
20 Miner basketball during the tenure of Don "The Bear" Haskins; and

21 WHEREAS, This veteran, old-school journalist will long be  
22 remembered for his outgoing, affable personality, his keen  
23 understanding of his community, and the professional skills and  
24 dedication that ensured his enduring popularity with El Paso

1 viewers; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John Morris Garmon and  
4 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
5 children, John, Stephen, and Michael Garmon and Jackie and Chris  
6 Taylor; to his sister, Gale Hill; to his brother, the Reverend Tom  
7 Garmon; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
8 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 John  
12 Garmon.