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H.R. No. 879

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, An exemplary life devoted to family, faith, and
2 public service came to an untimely end with the death of Tommy Dean
3 Shearrer of Pleasanton on October 10, 2012, at the age of 56; and

4 WHEREAS, Tommy Shearrer was born to Carl Dean and Beverly
5 Gail Matthews Shearrer on September 26, 1956; raised on the Perry
6 Feeder's dairy farm, he attended Pleasanton schools, where he was a
7 leading member of FFA, serving as the organization's state
8 president; he went on to attend Southwest Texas State University;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In 1977, Mr. Shearrer married his high school
11 sweetheart, the former Sharon Lynn Yow, and they shared a loving
12 relationship for 35 years; they were blessed with two sons, Wesley
13 and Matthew; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the course of his career in agriculture, Mr.
15 Shearrer raised cattle with his family and worked for many years
16 with the Wilco Peanut Company as a buyer in Jourdanton; he also
17 established Simco Construction, which has been building homes and
18 offices in South Texas for three decades; and

19 WHEREAS, A fifth-generation son of the Pleasanton area, Mr.
20 Shearrer was a leader in his community for most of his life; he
21 served as an Atascosa County commissioner for eight years, and he
22 also served as president of the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce and
23 the Pleasanton Airport Board, as a director of the Pleasanton
24 Cowboy Homecoming Association and Texas AgFinance, and as a member

1 of the Alamo Area Council of Governments and the Evergreen
2 Underground Water Conservation District; and

3 WHEREAS, In recent years, Mr. Shearrer had become a leading
4 advocate of weather modification research and technology, serving
5 as president of the South Texas Weather Modification Association,
6 the Texas Weather Modification Association, and the National
7 Weather Modification Association; he had been interviewed about
8 cloud seeding on the ABC News program *Nightline*, and he was featured
9 in the critically acclaimed documentary *Owning the Weather*; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Shearrer was also a man of deep religious faith;
11 he helped found Gateway Church in Pleasanton, serving as an elder
12 and a Sunday school teacher; he was respected and admired by his
13 fellow congregants as a man who lived according to his beliefs and
14 ideals and who was able to express his faith in a frank and
15 plainspoken way; and

16 WHEREAS, Though it is impossible to gauge the full effect of
17 one man's life, some individuals leave their unmistakable mark on
18 the world as they move through it, and Tommy Shearrer has left
19 behind a legacy that will long resonate in the lives of all who knew
20 him; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Tommy Dean Shearrer
23 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
24 wife, Sharon Shearrer; to his parents, Carl Dean "Tinker" and
25 Beverly Shearrer; to his sons, Wesley Dean Shearrer and his wife,
26 Magen, and Matthew Wright Shearrer and his wife, Amanda; to his
27 brothers, Randy Shearrer and his wife, Sharon, and Justin Shearrer

1 and his wife, Natalie; to his in-laws, Dan and Dorothy Yow, Johnny
2 and Mary Yow, Sheryl and Artie Armstrong, and Sandra and Larry
3 Wheeler; to his nieces and nephews, Megan and James Martin, Mindy
4 and Mark Giebel, Melany, Cody, Sadie, and Jason Shearrer, Jimmy and
5 Kandace Bartosh, Jennifer and Chad Wheat, Roper and Amber Yow,
6 Sheila and Kody Babb, Rowdy and Nikki Yow, Brandy and Clint Smith,
7 Bodie Armstrong, and Lauren Eickstead; and to his other relatives
8 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 Tommy Dean
12 Shearrer.