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H.R. No. 1006

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Clifford Roy Wherley of Greenville on February 8, 2013,
3 at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on May 28, 1927, in Illinois, Mr. Wherley was a
5 dedicated patriot who was determined to serve his country in World
6 War II; although he was only 14 at the time, he managed to convince
7 recruiters that he was of age, and he entered the Army Air Forces in
8 1942; assigned as a top turret gunner on a B-26 bomber, he fought in
9 32 missions and flew on raids with General Jimmy Doolittle,
10 receiving the Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters for his
11 distinguished service in England and North Africa; when the army
12 learned of his true age, he was granted an honorable discharge;
13 Mr. Wherley went on a nationwide bond tour and worked at a defense
14 plant for a time but was anxious to return to active duty; he joined
15 the U.S. Navy and was once more designated to be a turret gunner on
16 a B-26, but his age was discovered and he was sent home; undeterred,
17 Mr. Wherley reenlisted in the Army Air Forces and was briefly
18 deployed to the South Pacific before his status as a minor was
19 revealed and he was shipped stateside again; and

20 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Wherley served as a police
21 officer and deputy sheriff in Florida; he married a Texan, June
22 Rogers, and they moved to Henderson County, where Mr. Wherley
23 earned his living as a truck driver and served as a justice of the
24 peace; over the course of their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Wherley were

1 blessed with four sons and two daughters, and they lived in Garland
2 and Carrollton before moving to Greenville; Mrs. Wherley passed
3 away in 1995, and Mr. Wherley later enjoyed the love and support of
4 his second wife, Juanita; and

5 WHEREAS, Frequently seen wearing a World War II veteran's
6 hat, Clifford Wherley took great pride in having served his
7 country, and he will be remembered with admiration and affection by
8 all who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Clifford Roy Wherley
11 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
12 wife, Juanita Wherley; to his sons, Chuck, Benny, Steven, and Glenn
13 Wherley; to his daughters, Sandra Groom and Paula Dillinger; to his
14 stepson, Caleb Ewing; to his brother, Eldon Wherley; to his
15 grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in honor of Clifford Roy
20 Wherley.