

By: Martinez

H.R. No. 1019

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close with the passing of Richard C. Hawkins of Weslaco on
3 December 14, 2012, at the age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Bridgeport on April 4, 1948, to Raymond
5 Hawkins and Helen Schilling, Rick Hawkins graduated from Bridgeport
6 High School in 1967, and two years later he received a diploma in
7 funeral directing and the science of embalming from Commonwealth
8 College of Sciences in Houston; and

9 WHEREAS, For a brief time, Mr. Hawkins was a professional
10 bull rider and race car driver; he embarked on a career in the
11 funeral home business in 1970, when he joined the staff of Shannon's
12 Funeral Home in Fort Worth; he eventually became the manager there,
13 and in 1982, he relocated to Weslaco, purchasing his own funeral
14 home; in 1992, Mr. Hawkins moved his business to a new location, and
15 in 2004 he expanded it, adding a branch in Donna; as a funeral home
16 director, he emphasized customer service and was known for the
17 respect and kindness with which he treated his staff; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Hawkins was an active member of the community as
19 well, serving on the Weslaco Ambulance Advisory Board, with the
20 Weslaco Lions Club, and with the Mid-Valley Medical Foundation; in
21 addition, he contributed to local charities; in his spare time, he
22 liked to golf, and he also studied Freemasonry; and

23 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Hawkins enjoyed the
24 love and support of his wife, Irma, and he took pride in a fine

1 family that grew to include two children and a granddaughter; and

2 WHEREAS, Rick Hawkins lived a full and generous life,
3 devoting himself to his family, his business, and his community,
4 and while his death has brought great sorrow, his legacy of love and
5 service to others will be forever treasured by all who knew him;
6 now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Rick Hawkins and
9 that sincere condolences be extended to the members of his family:
10 to his wife, Irma S. Hawkins; to his daughter, Priscilla Hawkins;
11 to his son, Ronnye Hawkins; to his granddaughter, Bianka Hawkins
12 Jackson; to his son-in-law, Erik Jackson; and to his other
13 relatives and friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard
17 C. Hawkins.