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H.R. No. 1292

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 90th birthday of an esteemed Texan is indeed a
2 special occasion, and the Honorable Carl Everett Lidell of Jonah
3 marked that significant milestone in his life on February 23, 2013;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Taylor in 1923, Mr. Lidell is the son of Per
6 and Myrtle Lidell; he worked on the family farm in Jonah as a boy,
7 and he was issued his driver's license at the age of 12, allowing
8 him to transport his three sisters to school and confirmation
9 classes in a Model T coupe; after graduating from Georgetown High
10 School, he attended Southwestern University, where he played guard
11 on the football team; he later transferred to The University of
12 Texas at Austin and was employed part-time on the staff of a state
13 senator; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Lidell enlisted in the United States Navy in
15 1943 and trained stateside as a pilot; when his unit was disbanded,
16 he was honorably discharged from the navy and promptly reenlisted
17 in the U.S. Merchant Marine, serving his country in the Pacific
18 theater during World War II; and

19 WHEREAS, Following demobilization, Mr. Lidell returned to
20 help his father on the farm; he married the former Marie Pearson in
21 1949, and they became the parents of three sons, John, Lynn, and
22 Michael; in the 1960s, the Lidells purchased the family farm and
23 additional acreage, and Mr. Lidell also began farming another 200
24 acres owned by his wife's family; he was named Williamson County

1 Agriculturalist of the Year and Outstanding Conservation Farmer in
2 1970; an individual of diverse talents, he earned his real estate
3 license in 1984 and was affiliated with Clyde Swenson Real Estate
4 and then TEX US Real Estate and Investments; and

5 WHEREAS, This admired civic leader joined with four other
6 citizens to found the Jonah Water Supply Corporation in 1970; over
7 subsequent decades, it grew to serve thousands of people and became
8 the Jonah Water Special Utility District; Mr. Lidell helped guide
9 its operations as president and general manager, and he continues
10 to serve as a member of the board; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Lidell's dedication to his community was further
12 demonstrated through his work as a county commissioner from 1977 to
13 1984; moreover, he has been active in Rotary International for many
14 years, and he has served the congregation at Hutto Lutheran Church
15 as a Sunday school teacher, as superintendent, and as a member and
16 president of the church council; and

17 WHEREAS, Following the death of Marie Lidell in 1996,
18 Mr. Lidell was fortunate enough to find love a second time, and he
19 married the former Alice L. "Grace" Bulgerin in 1998; the couple
20 have shared their time and talents with Angel Food Ministries, and
21 in 2009 they were named Volunteers of the Year by the Hutto Area
22 Chamber of Commerce; in addition, Mr. Lidell is the recipient of the
23 Distinguished Service Award from Jonah Community, Inc., and that
24 honor is indeed a fitting tribute to a man who is known to many as
25 "Mr. Jonah"; and

26 WHEREAS, Carl Everett Lidell has devoted himself to making
27 positive contributions in behalf of his fellow citizens, and his

1 kindness, warmth, and wonderful sense of humor have enriched the
2 lives of innumerable people through the decades; now, therefore, be
3 it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
5 Legislature hereby congratulate Carl Everett Lidell on his 90th
6 birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
7 happiness; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Lidell as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.