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H.R. No. 1343

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Larry Robertson, who served as mayor
2 of Quitman for a decade, passed away on February 21, 2013, leaving
3 behind a legacy that will continue to resonate in the community for
4 years to come; and

5 WHEREAS, Larry Robertson was born on September 27, 1948, in
6 Dallas to Frank and Bobbie Douglas Robertson; he spent 18 years in
7 law enforcement, working for the Arlington Police Department, the
8 Wood County Sheriff's Office, the Upshur County Sheriff's Office,
9 and the Sulphur Springs Police Department, before embarking on a
10 career in automobile sales; he served as the sales manager at a Ford
11 dealership and then opened Larry Robertson's Auto Sales in Quitman,
12 which he operated for 17 years; and

13 WHEREAS, In 1990, Mr. Robertson was elected as an alderman on
14 the Quitman City Council, and in 1997, he served the city as mayor
15 pro tem; he went on to become mayor later that year, and during his
16 tenure, he made area parks among his top priorities; when the state
17 ceased funding for what was then Governor Jim Hogg State Park, he
18 secured the land for the city, and he played a key role in the
19 development and construction of Heritage Youth Sports Park and the
20 municipal swimming pool; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Robertson also helped to found the Quitman
22 Heritage Foundation, and he was a charter member of the local
23 Kiwanis Club; in addition, he served on the board of the Wood County
24 Industrial Commission; and

1 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Robertson enjoyed the
2 love and support of his wife, Marilyn Robertson, and he took pride
3 in his son, Gordon, his daughters, Leslie and Lori, and his six
4 grandchildren; and

5 WHEREAS, Larry Robertson built a life that was rich in
6 family, friends, and accomplishments, and he will be fondly
7 remembered and deeply missed; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Larry Robertson and
10 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
11 parents, Frank and Bobbie Robertson; to his wife, Marilyn
12 Robertson; to his son, Gordon Shockley; to his daughters, Leslie
13 Sperling and her husband, Clint, and Lori McCombie; to his brother,
14 David Robertson, and his wife, Lisa; to his sister, Carolyn
15 Landers, and her husband, John; to his grandchildren, Gabe, Keegan,
16 and Chloe McCombie, Helen and Andie Sperling, and Maya Herrera; and
17 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Larry
21 Robertson.