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H.R. No. 1383

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Members of the Sour Lake community are mourning the
2 loss of one of their own with the passing of former mayor and
3 longtime barber David Payne on March 17, 2013, at the age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on October 11, 1944, in Saratoga to Helen
5 Lorraine Brackin Payne and Alfred Taylor Payne, David Payne began
6 cutting hair in 1964 at a small barbershop in downtown Sour Lake;
7 the shop had been in business since the year he was born and was
8 known among residents as the first place in Sour Lake to have
9 air-conditioning; Mr. Payne became its sole owner in 1970; and

10 WHEREAS, Payne's Barbershop was a popular meeting place,
11 where any number of people could be found holding forth on all
12 manner of subjects; Mr. Payne himself acknowledged his key role in
13 Sour Lake with the wry comment "a good barber is a psychologist, a
14 psychiatrist, a marriage counselor, and a bartender," and evidence
15 of the high regard in which he was held was provided when he was
16 elected mayor in 1981 as a write-in candidate; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Payne further contributed to his fellow
18 citizens as acting chief of the town's volunteer fire department,
19 as president of the Lions Club, and as a Mason; and

20 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, this esteemed Texan enjoyed
21 the love and support of his wife, Karen, and his children, Michael
22 and Kasie, and he was the proud grandfather of four; and

23 WHEREAS, Though he joked that he took up his trade because he
24 was "too lazy to work and too cautious for a life of crime," David

1 Payne served as more than just a barber; while cutting hair and
2 passing the time with his friends and neighbors, he created a space
3 for camaraderie and the free exchange of ideas and fostered a sense
4 of community that represents the best of America's small towns;
5 now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of David Payne and extend
8 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Karen
9 Payne; to his children, Michael Payne and his wife, Angie Denise,
10 and Kasie Kibodeaux and her husband, Lewis; to his sister, Roxie
11 Fregia, and her husband, Rockey; to his grandchildren, Jennifer
12 Noack, Bryttan Noack, Cameron Blake, and Kayley Brooke Payne; and
13 to his other relatives and many 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 David
17 Payne.