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H.R. No. 1384

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 death of Edward Arnold Fulbright of Irving on March 9, 2013, at the  
3 age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Finis Franklin Fulbright and Willie Mae  
5 Monsey Fulbright, Ed Fulbright was born in Stamford and moved with  
6 his family to Plano in 1945; there, he met his future wife, Betty Jo  
7 Collinsworth, and the pair married in 1950 and then settled in  
8 Irving; and

9 WHEREAS, Answering his country's call to duty, Mr. Fulbright  
10 served in the United States Marine Corps; following his discharge,  
11 he began his career at Grand Prairie State Bank, and in 1963, he  
12 purchased Ed's Pawn Shop, which he operated with his wife until his  
13 retirement in 1986; he also owned Ed's Marine Center and helped  
14 others in the community to start their own businesses; and

15 WHEREAS, In addition to his entrepreneurial work,  
16 Mr. Fulbright was involved in reserve law enforcement for  
17 approximately 37 years; beginning with a decade at the Irving  
18 Police Department, he then served 22 years as Dallas County deputy  
19 constable and later acted as reserve deputy constable in Denton  
20 County; he retired with the rank of lieutenant; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Fulbright was an active member of his community;  
22 he enjoyed helping people with disabilities achieve independent  
23 lifestyles through his work with the National American Business  
24 Clubs; he served as president of its Irving chapter and as district

1 governor, and the organization recognized him with a number of  
2 awards and a life membership; hosting many social events, he and  
3 Mrs. Fulbright were known as part of the "Irving Rat Pack," and the  
4 couple received Irving's High Spirited Citizens Award in 1999;  
5 Mr. Fulbright was also a valued congregant of the South MacArthur  
6 Church of Christ; and

7 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, he enjoyed hunting and  
8 traveling the world with his wife, with whom he shared more than six  
9 decades; he also took great pride in his children, Debra, David, and  
10 Darryl, his seven grandchildren, and his six great-grandchildren;  
11 and

12 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community, Ed  
13 Fulbright made a meaningful difference in the lives of his loved  
14 ones and fellow citizens alike, and his contributions will be  
15 remembered for years to come; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Edward Arnold  
18 Fulbright and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:  
19 to his wife, Betty Fulbright; to his daughter, Debra Kitchens, and  
20 her husband, Bruce; to his sons, David Fulbright and his wife,  
21 Beverly, and Darryl Fulbright and his wife, Kay; to his  
22 granddaughters, Jennifer Boss and her husband, Michael, and Devon  
23 Fulbright; to his grandsons, Brent Kitchens and his wife, Emery,  
24 Jason Fulbright, Allen Fulbright and his wife, Crystal, Colin  
25 Fulbright and his wife, Nicole, and Cameron Fulbright; to his  
26 great-grandchildren, Meagan and Taylor Boss, Adley and Grant  
27 Kitchens, and Grayson and Gavin Fulbright; to his sisters, Dorothy

1 Lee Pitman, Edna Faye Nanny, and June Locke; to his brother, Tommy  
2 Fulbright; to his aunt, Wilma Fulbright; to his great-nephew,  
3 Grayson Fulbright; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be  
4 it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Edward  
8 Fulbright.