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H.R. No. 1394

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, William Dillahunty of Uvalde is stepping down as the
2 leader of the Sahawe Indian Dancers after half a century of
3 outstanding service; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Dillahunty first became involved with the group
5 when he joined the Comanche Club Indians in 1950, shortly after the
6 organization was formed by Boy Scout Troop No. 81; within two
7 years, a new name had been adopted and he was performing specialty
8 Native American routines as a member of the Sahawe Indian Dancers;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Returning to lead the group in 1962, Mr. Dillahunty
11 has inspired hundreds of boys with his knowledge and creativity;
12 participants visit American Indian gatherings around the country
13 and consult books and films to learn ancient ceremonial dances, and
14 they also construct their own elaborate costumes; during the past
15 50 years, over 2,000 performances have been given in 27 states and
16 more than 200 Texas cities; and

17 WHEREAS, Also frequently performing in their own outdoor
18 theater that was opened in 1981, the dancers were selected as
19 Uvalde's number one tourist attraction by the Texas Travel Writers,
20 and they have been designated as the city's Ambassadors of Good
21 Will; and

22 WHEREAS, William Dillahunty has made a meaningful difference
23 in the life of his community, and his commitment and outstanding
24 achievements are truly deserving of special recognition; now,

1 therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby honor William Dillahunty, leader of the Sahawe
4 Indian Dancers from 1962 through 2012, and extend to him sincere
5 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for Mr. Dillahunty as an expression of high regard from
8 the Texas House of Representatives.