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H.R. No. 1414

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Roy Chester Gentry of Odessa, who passed away on February 1,
3 2013, at the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of the Reverend Willie Gentry and Lillie
5 Gentry, Roy Gentry was born in Taylor on May 18, 1942; he grew up in
6 Odessa, graduated from Blackshear High School and Odessa College,
7 and earned a degree in sociology from The University of Texas of the
8 Permian Basin; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Gentry served the congregation of Bethel
10 Baptist Church as pastor from 1975 until the time of his passing; he
11 was also employed for a time by the Ector County Independent School
12 District as a suspension teacher; Mr. Gentry took an active role in
13 numerous charitable organizations, including Head Start, United
14 Way, Crime Stoppers, Harmony Home, and the Globe Theatre; and

15 WHEREAS, He shared a fulfilling marriage with his wife,
16 Laura, and was the father of three daughters, Daphne, Kesia, and
17 Regina, and a son, Chetwin, who preceded him in death; with the
18 passing years, Mr. Gentry welcomed into his family 8 grandchildren
19 and 10 great-grandchildren; and

20 WHEREAS, Roy Gentry enjoyed a life that was rich in the
21 intangibles that matter most, and he is deeply missed by all those
22 who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Roy Chester Gentry

1 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
2 wife, Laura Gentry; to his children and their spouses, Daphne
3 Gentry, Kesia and Steven Gregory, and Regina and Jeff Jackson; to
4 his brothers, Robert, Johnny, Charles, Ronnie, and Larry and his
5 wife, Debbie; to his sister, LoEtta; to his grandchildren and
6 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
7 be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Roy Chester
11 Gentry.