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H.R. No. 1530

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of Valerian Dennis Aloysius Huvar of Victoria, who passed away on  
4 March 21, 2013, at the age of 93; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in El Campo on October 19, 1919, Val Huvar was  
6 the son of Fred and Stella Holcak Huvar, who moved the family to  
7 Victoria several months after his birth to open Huvar's Grocery,  
8 which became a local institution and served the community for  
9 nearly eight decades before finally closing in 1999; and

10           WHEREAS, After graduating from St. Joseph's High School in  
11 1937, Mr. Huvar worked a series of jobs until entering the U.S. Army  
12 Air Corps on December 31, 1941; during his honorable service, Mr.  
13 Huvar was stationed in San Antonio, Lubbock, and the Philippines,  
14 and he attained the rank of master sergeant before being discharged  
15 in 1946; on his return home, he managed a number of local businesses  
16 and worked as a teller at First Victoria National Bank; and

17           WHEREAS, With the encouragement of his friends and family,  
18 Mr. Huvar successfully ran for the office of county clerk in  
19 Victoria County in 1954; he took office on January 1, 1955, and held  
20 the position until 2011, becoming the longest serving public  
21 official in both the city and the county's history; during his  
22 impressive 56-year tenure, he was active in the County and District  
23 Clerks' Association of Texas, which he led for one term as  
24 president, and the organization named him the Outstanding County

1 Clerk of Texas in 1970; moreover, Governor John Connally recognized  
2 him for his expertise when he appointed Mr. Huvar to serve on the  
3 statewide election committee in 1964; and

4 WHEREAS, A man of devout faith as well, he was an active  
5 member of St. Mary's Catholic Church, where he served as president  
6 of the parish board and as a lector, a congregation song leader, a  
7 choir member, and a Eucharistic minister; for his commitment to the  
8 Catholic Church, he received the Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice medal  
9 and diploma, the highest honor that can be awarded to a member of  
10 the laity; and

11 WHEREAS, Throughout his many endeavors, Mr. Huvar enjoyed the  
12 love and support of his wife, the former Luella "Lu" Edwards  
13 Knowlan, whom he married in 1947, and together the couple made  
14 wonderful memories until Mrs. Huvar passed away in 1984; their  
15 cherished family included their four children, Charlotte, Carolyn,  
16 Dennis, and Michael; and

17 WHEREAS, Val Huvar lived a life rich in the intangibles that  
18 matter most, and all who were privileged to know him will remember  
19 with deep admiration his unwavering commitment to his family, his  
20 community, his faith, and his country; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Valerian Huvar and  
23 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
24 children, Charlotte Kizer, Carolyn Wright, Dennis Huvar and his  
25 wife, Brenda, and Michael Huvar and his wife, Karen; to his sister,  
26 Marguerite Epperhart; to his brother, Edward Huvar; to his  
27 grandchildren and their spouses, Amber and Kyle Proctor, Michelle

1 Babb and Technical Sergeant Scott Babb, Dr. John B. Wright and  
2 Jennifer Wright, Traci and Chris Dyson, Erin Wright-White, Jeffrey  
3 and Sara Huvar, Allison and Jim Heard, Melissa Huvar, Matthew and  
4 Christi Huvar, and Adam Huvar; to his great-grandchildren, Jon  
5 Micheal Sparkman, Megan Babb, Michael Babb, Cullen Dyson, Lily  
6 White, Shelby White, Kason Dyson, Bethany Wright, Elizabeth  
7 Proctor, Kinsley White, Zoe Huvar, and William Huvar; and to his  
8 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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