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H.R. No. 1808

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 Bill O. Simmons of Sunrise Beach on November 24, 2012, at  
3 the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Bill Simmons was born in Eastland County on June 23,  
5 1923, to Ernest Theodore Simmons and Addie Grace Simmons; in 1943,  
6 he was joined in matrimony to the former Bernice "Bobbie" Peters,  
7 and the couple shared nearly seven decades together; along the way,  
8 they became the parents of two sons, Bill and Paul; and

9 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty during World War  
10 II, Mr. Simmons served as an officer in the 9th Air Force, and he  
11 continued to serve in the Air Force Reserve after the war, returning  
12 to active duty as provost marshal at Perrin Air Force Base from 1951  
13 to 1953; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons began his career in 1947, when he joined  
15 the Texas Department of Public Safety; he and his family lived in  
16 Austin, Gainesville, and Corsicana before moving to Midland, where  
17 he established his own business, Simco Hydrocarbon Well Logging;  
18 and

19 WHEREAS, In 1990, after more than three decades in Midland,  
20 Mr. Simmons and his wife relocated to Llano County, where he became  
21 a civic leader and served as county commissioner; Mr. Simmons was  
22 appointed by Governor Rick Perry to the Telecommunications  
23 Infrastructure Fund Board, and he also held the post of council  
24 president of St. Charles Borromeo Catholic Church; he continued to

1 honor his service in the nation's military as a member of the B-26  
2 Marauder Historical Society; active with the Republican Party of  
3 Texas as well, he served as chair of the Llano County Republican  
4 Party; and

5 WHEREAS, Deeply devoted to his family and his community, Bill  
6 Simmons made a meaningful difference in many lives, and his  
7 contributions will be remembered for years to come; now, therefore,  
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bill O. Simmons and  
11 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife  
12 of 69 years, Bobbie Simmons; to his sons, Bill O. Simmons, Jr., and  
13 his wife, Pam, and Paul D. Simmons and his wife, Kandi; to his  
14 granddaughter, Ellen Hargrove; to his great-grandchildren, Claire  
15 Elizabeth Hargrove, Benjamine Pyton Hargrove, and Audrey Grace  
16 Hargrove; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill  
20 Simmons.