

By: Turner of Tarrant

H.R. No. 2225

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Charles C. Stidham of Arlington served this country
2 courageously as a private in the United States Army during World War
3 II; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Rotan on April 24, 1923, Mr. Stidham
5 attended school in Round Rock; he joined the military in June 1942
6 and drove heavy trucks for the 78th Infantry Lightning Division,
7 Cannon Company, 309th Infantry while stationed in Central Europe,
8 western Germany, and northern France; two years after enlisting, he
9 took part in the Normandy Invasion, which opened the long-awaited
10 "Second Front" against Hitler's forces; and

11 WHEREAS, This patriotic Texan earned his Combat Infantryman
12 Badge and received a number of decorations, including the American
13 Theater Campaign Medal, the European-African-Middle Eastern
14 Campaign Medal, the Victory Ribbon, and Overseas Service Bars; and

15 WHEREAS, Following demobilization at the end of 1944,
16 Mr. Stidham returned to Texas, where he was employed as a truck
17 driver and iron worker; over the years, he also served as a crossing
18 guard at a local school and as a deacon of Bible Baptist Church; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Stidham has shared a fulfilling marriage of 68
20 years with his wife, Helen Rust Stidham, with whom he has seven
21 children; a devoted father, he raised them to have strong Christian
22 values, and today he considers his three sons, Roy, Charles, and
23 Patrick Stidham, and his four daughters, Myrna Baker, Helen Baxter,
24 Janet Auld, and Lura Puryear, to be his greatest accomplishment; in

1 addition, his fine family includes 21 grandchildren and 29
2 great-grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Charles Stidham exemplifies the valor and
4 resilience of that proud generation of Americans who stepped
5 forward to defend their country during one of its darkest hours, and
6 he has indeed earned the lasting gratitude of his fellow citizens;
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
9 Legislature hereby honor Charles C. Stidham for his service to the
10 nation during World War II and extend to him sincere best wishes for
11 continued happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Stidham as an expression of high regard by the
14 Texas House of Representatives.