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H.R. No. 2675

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their
2 memories of William Phillips of Canton, who passed away on February
3 17, 2013, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, Billy Phillips was born on July 18, 1935, in Caddo
5 Gap, Arkansas, to Lee Roy Diffie and Minnie Lee Johnson Diffie; he
6 served his country in the Korean War as a member of the U.S. Army,
7 and he worked as a truck driver for more than three and a half
8 decades, including 21 years with Texas Oklahoma Express; Mr.
9 Phillips logged three million miles without a single accident or
10 ticket, and he also won multiple trophies in truck rodeo
11 competitions; in his leisure time he enjoyed gold prospecting and
12 participating in First Monday Trade Days; and

13 WHEREAS, A man of faith, Mr. Phillips belonged to the
14 Wentworth Church of Christ and helped to minister to members of the
15 church living in nursing homes; he shared 55 years of marriage with
16 his wife, Elizabeth, and was the father of two children, William and
17 Jillinda; with the passing years, he welcomed 10 grandchildren and
18 14 great-grandchildren into his family; and

19 WHEREAS, Billy Phillips lived a life that was rich in the
20 intangibles that matter most, and he will be deeply missed by all
21 those who had the good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Billy Phillips and
24 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,

1 Elizabeth Phillips; to his son, William Robert Phillips II, and his
2 wife, Melinda; to his daughter, Jillinda Smith, and her husband,
3 Troy; to his grandchildren, Steve, Joey, Robbie, Josh, Will, and
4 Justin Phillips, Kimberly Townsend, Stephanie Countryman, Ryan
5 Stone, and Timmy Smith; to his great-grandchildren; and to his
6 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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