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H.R. No. 109

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of San Augustine are mourning the loss
2 of Woodrow Wayne "Woody" Harrison, who passed away on December 14,
3 2014, at the age of 72; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on November 19, 1942, to Woodrow and
5 Lucille Harrison, Woody Harrison attended St. Thomas High School
6 and went on to earn a bachelor of science degree and a double
7 master's degree in management and public administration; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison served his country for more than four
9 decades, first as a military officer and then as a private
10 contractor; a graduate of the Command and General Staff College of
11 the U.S. Army, this patriotic Texan flew more than 400 combat
12 missions in Vietnam as an army helicopter pilot; after leaving the
13 military, he became an engineering services contractor, working on
14 various projects for the Pentagon; he received a number of
15 commendations for his work with the Department of Defense,
16 including the prestigious Legion of Merit award; and

17 WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Mr. Harrison moved back
18 to Texas and became a prominent civic leader, assuming a number of
19 leadership positions in the community; these roles included
20 president of the chamber of commerce, post commander of the
21 Veterans of Foreign Wars, president of the Main Street Advisory
22 Board, and county chairman of the Republican Party; he was also an
23 active member of the San Augustine Historical Society; in
24 recognition of his outstanding service to his fellow citizens, he

1 was named the 2012 Community Impact Volunteer of the Year for East
2 Texas; and

3 WHEREAS, In his spare time, Mr. Harrison pursued his passion
4 for the performing arts, entertaining audiences at community
5 theaters and at military venues around the world; he was a talented
6 guitar player and vocalist and performed with a number of musical
7 groups, from his high school rock-and-roll band to barbershop
8 quartets; and

9 WHEREAS, While Woody Harrison is deeply missed by all those
10 who were privileged to know him, his legacy lives on in the
11 community he was proud to call home; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Woodrow Wayne
14 Harrison and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
15 to his wife, Glenda Harrison; to his son, Houston W. W. Harrison; to
16 his daughter, Divini Creech; to his granddaughter, Misty Creech; to
17 his brother, Rick Harrison, and his wife, Debbie; to his
18 brother-in-law, Robert Ramey, and his wife, Sheila; and to his
19 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Woodrow
23 Wayne Harrison.