

By: Sheffield

H.R. No. 143

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Edward William Kafer of San Angelo, who died on November
3 14, 2014, at the age of 97; and

4 WHEREAS, Edward Kafer was born in Hurnville on August 25,
5 1917, to Karl and Anna Kafer; answering his nation's call to duty as
6 a young man, he served in the U.S. Army, transporting prisoners of
7 war from France by way of New York to Camp Chaffee in Arkansas
8 during the latter days of World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, Over the course of a long and varied career,
10 Mr. Kafer was a dryland farmer in several locations in Texas, a
11 stock farmer in Hamilton County, and a night shift corrections
12 officer for the Texas Youth Council in Gatesville for 15 years; and

13 WHEREAS, After retiring from state employment, Mr. Kafer and
14 his wife, Willa Dene, owned and operated the Silver Spur restaurant
15 in Roby and then went on to work for the Fisher County Senior
16 Citizen Center, cooking and delivering meals to elderly patrons;
17 they later lived in Bronte before settling in San Angelo in 2002;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, A keen outdoorsman and a Master Gardener, Mr. Kafer
20 took special pleasure in annual hunting trips with his
21 brothers-in-law, and he loved to share the bounty of his garden with
22 family and friends; he also delighted in the time he spent with his
23 grandchildren, drinking Dr Pepper, enjoying ice cream on the front
24 porch, and playing football in the front yard even into his 80s; and

1 WHEREAS, Ed Kafer lived a full and generous life rich in the
2 intangibles that matter most, and he will be long remembered with
3 deep affection by all who knew him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Edward William
6 Kafer and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones: to his wife
7 of 62 years, Willa Dene Kafer; to his children, Gary Kafer and his
8 wife, Mary, Judy Hurst and her husband, Paul, and Jim Bob Kafer and
9 his wife, Becky; to his grandchildren, April Eagan and her husband,
10 Scott, Michelle Ridenour and her husband, Curtis, Matt Hurst and
11 his wife, Jessica, Kylen Kafer and his wife, Amanda, Clayton Kafer
12 and his wife, Bailey, and Canyon Kafer; to his great-granddaughter,
13 Aubrey Anna Ridenour; to his sisters, Rosemary Schaffner, Ruth
14 Gardner, and Anna Lee Lewis; and to his other relatives and friends;
15 and, be it further

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