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H.R. No. 343

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The people of Richardson lost an admired civic
2 leader with the passing of former state representative Richard
3 Floyd Reynolds on February 17, 2014, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Flint, Ohio, on September 21, 1927, Dick
5 Reynolds was raised by an aunt and uncle following the untimely
6 death of his mother; he became interested in politics as a high
7 school student and was elected to the student council; coming of age
8 as World War II was ending, he enlisted in the United States Army
9 and served as an x-ray technician in the Medical Corps;
10 subsequently, he joined the Ohio National Guard and served until
11 1954; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds graduated from Bliss Business College
13 and completed his bachelor's degree in business administration at
14 Ohio State University; he worked in accounting for several
15 companies before moving to Texas in 1960 to manage the Collins Radio
16 audit department; later, he embarked on a long tenure as an
17 executive with Ben Griffin Enterprises, a diversified industrial
18 and manufacturing company, and he eventually began his own
19 consulting firm; and

20 WHEREAS, Recognizing a lack of youth sports in his adopted
21 hometown, Mr. Reynolds founded RSI Richardson Sports in 1963; he
22 served for seven years as director and president of the
23 organization, which provided opportunities for thousands of
24 youngsters to participate in athletic competition; in addition, he

1 coached baseball for several years, and he helped found the Spring
2 Valley Athletic Association; and

3 WHEREAS, This dynamic Texan was elected to the first of four
4 consecutive terms on the Richardson City Council in 1963; he served
5 as mayor pro tempore, and he played an instrumental role in the
6 creation of Sherrill Park; in 1972, he won a seat in the Texas
7 house, where he was one of just 13 Republicans; he served as vice
8 chair of the Reapportionment Committee, and he was a member of the
9 Intergovernmental Affairs and Revenue and Taxation Committees; he
10 also participated in a feasibility study for the establishment of a
11 state park on the Trinity River in Dallas County; a staunch
12 conservative, he was a delegate to the Texas Constitutional
13 Convention of 1974 and a Reagan delegate to the 1976 Republican
14 National Convention; and

15 WHEREAS, Although career demands prevented him from running
16 for a third term in the legislature, Mr. Reynolds continued to
17 serve his fellow citizens in numerous leadership roles; he was a
18 founding member of the North Central Texas Council of Governments,
19 and he was appointed to both the State Board of Insurance and the
20 Texas Workers' Compensation Commission, which he served as chair;
21 he also chaired the Parkland Memorial Hospital board; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Reynolds was the devoted father of seven
23 children, Christopher, Brad, Guy, Jack, Eric, Ann Marie, and Holly,
24 and he took great pride in his 11 grandchildren; he shared a
25 fulfilling marriage of 36 years with his wife, Donna Reynolds; and

26 WHEREAS, While the death of Dick Reynolds brought great
27 sorrow to his family and friends, his contributions to Richardson

1 and to this state continue to resonate, and his record of
2 accomplishments will long be treasured by all who held him dear;
3 now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Richard
6 Floyd "Dick" Reynolds and extend sincere sympathy to his loved
7 ones; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
10 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
11 Honorable Richard Floyd Reynolds.