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H.R. No. 416

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Emory lost one of its most admired  
2 residents with the passing of Howard Norman Garrett on August 24,  
3 2014, at the age of 93; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on September 21, 1920, to John and Bedie  
5 Garrett, Howard Garrett grew up in Rains County, where his family  
6 settled some 150 years ago; he graduated from Commerce High School  
7 and attended East Texas State College before earning his master's  
8 degree from Sam Houston State University; answering his nation's  
9 call to duty during World War II, he served as a sergeant alongside  
10 his brother, David, in the U.S. Army in the Philippines; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Garrett enjoyed a career in public education as  
12 a teacher and administrator in Diboll and Point, and he was employed  
13 for several years with the Mutual of Wausau Insurance Company in  
14 Dallas; he later returned to Rains County and found success in the  
15 cattle business; while living in Dallas, he married Cornelia Lyles,  
16 and the couple spent more than a half-century together; and

17           WHEREAS, Active in his community throughout his life, this  
18 esteemed Texan was a member of the Rains County Chamber of Commerce  
19 and Masonic Lodge No. 180 in Cumby; he was also a devoted congregant  
20 at County Line Baptist Church and a longtime Sunday school teacher  
21 at First Baptist Church in Dallas; well known for his interest in  
22 self-sufficient farming, he frequently volunteered his time to the  
23 Rains County Farmers Market; and

24           WHEREAS, Howard Garrett gave freely of his time and expertise

1 to better his community, and he will long be remembered with  
2 admiration and affection by all those who were fortunate enough to  
3 share in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Howard Norman  
6 Garrett and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
7 his wife, Cornelia Garrett; to his nephews, Bill and Dave Garrett;  
8 to his niece, Lisa Vinson; and to his other relatives and many  
9 friends; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Howard  
13 Garrett.