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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and 2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends 3 of Robert "Doyle" Taylor of Winnsboro, who passed away on September 4 26, 2014, at the age of 95; and

5 WHEREAS, Doyle Taylor was born to Robert Taylor and Maude 6 Dodgen on June 25, 1919, in the Pleasant Grove community near 7 Winnsboro; he graduated from Winnsboro High School and later earned 8 an associate's degree from East Texas State University; answering 9 his nation's call to duty, he served as a member of the U.S. Navy 10 during World War II; and

11 WHEREAS, After his military service, Mr. Taylor returned to 12 Winnsboro, where he owned and operated the Taylor Propane Company 13 and Taylor True Value Hardware for many years; he retired in 1977 14 and sold both businesses, but he continued to manage his 15 investments and other business interests until his final days; and

16 WHEREAS, This respected businessman also made significant 17 contributions to his community, serving as a founding member of the 18 Winnsboro Lions Club and as a valued supporter of Winnsboro High 19 School athletics and FFA; a man of deep faith, Mr. Taylor was a 20 deacon and active congregant at First Baptist Church as well as a 21 member of the Mainland Advisory Council of Hawaii Baptist Academy; 22 and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Taylor exchanged the vows of matrimony with his 24 wife, Bobbie, on August 29, 1940, and the couple enjoyed 72

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1 rewarding years together until her passing; he delighted in the 2 company of his children, Marcus and Kayron, and he later knew the 3 joy of welcoming 6 grandchildren, 11 great-grandchildren, and a 4 great-great-grandson into his cherished family; and

5 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, his faith, and his community, 6 Doyle Taylor was an optimistic and outgoing man who delighted in the 7 company of others, and the generosity with which he lived his life 8 will forever inspire all who had the good fortune to know him; now, 9 therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert "Doyle" Taylor 11 12 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his children, Marcus Taylor and his wife, Pamela, and Kayron Taylor; to 13 his grandchildren, Rob Taylor and his wife, Tiffiny, Chris Irby, 14 15 Sunny Polito and her husband, Nick, Amber Taylor, Zane Taylor and his wife, Kim, and Heather Wessels and her husband, Johan; to his 16 17 great-grandchildren, Taylor Blair and his wife, Ashley, Christopher, Luke, and Campbell Polito, Faith Flaherty, Noah, Zoe, 18 and Maggie Taylor, Grace Wessels, and Tyler and Kodie Pratt; to his 19 great-great-grandson, Ayden Blair; and to his other relatives and 20 many friends; and, be it further 21

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert Doyle" Taylor.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 417 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 19, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House