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H.R. No. 424

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Theodore Woodrow Rye Jr. of Quitman, who passed away on September
4 9, 2014, at the age of 69; and

5 WHEREAS, The oldest of four children, Ted Rye was born in Fort
6 Worth on May 29, 1945, to Bobbie Rye and Ted W. Rye Sr.; he
7 graduated from L. D. Bell High School in 1963 and went on to attend
8 the University of North Texas, where he met his future wife, Jan, in
9 1966; the couple moved in 1975 to Quitman, which would become their
10 permanent home; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Rye served in the United States Navy during the
12 Vietnam War; after returning stateside, he earned a degree in
13 marketing from Texas Wesleyan University in 1970; he went on to
14 enjoy a successful career with Walls Industries that spanned more
15 than 35 years as a sales and marketing specialist for the company's
16 industrial and outdoor clothing division; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Rye was an enthusiastic outdoorsman who
18 volunteered for many years with the Boy Scouts of America; he was a
19 scoutmaster for Troop No. 36 in Quitman and was a member of the
20 Tyler District Committee and co-chair of the East Texas Area
21 Council; in 1995, he was appointed to the National Camp Inspection
22 Team, and in 1996, he received the highest volunteer award given by
23 the organization, the Silver Beaver Medal; and

24 WHEREAS, A man of many talents and interests, Mr. Rye enjoyed

1 fishing and playing golf and established area records in both
2 sports; he was also a pilot and an accomplished horseman and member
3 of the Professional Rodeo Cowboys Association, competing as a calf
4 roper at rodeos nationwide; and

5 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Ted Rye will
6 long remember this accomplished man for his zest for life and for
7 his kind and caring ways, and he will forever hold a treasured place
8 in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Ted Rye Jr. and
11 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his mother,
12 Bobbie Rye; to his former wife, Jan Rye; to his son, Tate Rye; to his
13 grandson, Spencer Rye; to his sister, Kathy Totsch; and to his other
14 relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ted Rye.