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H.R. No. 489

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Robert Lee Creel of Highlands on January 20, 2015, at the
3 age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, R. L. Creel was born in Livingston on September 11,
5 1922, the second of 10 children of Jim and Leora Creel; growing up
6 in the Baytown area during the Great Depression, he learned the
7 value of hard work at an early age and took a job delivering ice in
8 the mornings before school; he served as cocaptain of the football
9 team during his years at Robert E. Lee High, and his fellow students
10 honored him with the title of Mr. Robert E. Lee of the class of
11 1940; and

12 WHEREAS, A veteran of the United States Air Force, Mr. Creel
13 settled in Highlands, where he owned and operated Creel's Auto
14 Parts and Service while also working as a real estate broker;
15 throughout his half-century in that field, he played a vital role in
16 local housing development, helping to promote growth in the
17 community, and in 2010 he was honored by the Texas Real Estate
18 Commission for maintaining his license for 50 uninterrupted years;
19 in addition to his automotive and real estate businesses, he was
20 employed by New York Life Insurance Company for 38 years; and

21 WHEREAS, Beyond his many professional accomplishments,
22 Mr. Creel served as a member of the Highlands Rotary Club for 55
23 years, and he was recognized as a Paul Harris Fellow in 1981; he was
24 also a valued member of Peace Tabernacle Church and later of Harvest

1 Temple; and

2 WHEREAS, Mr. Creel was, above all else, devoted to his wife,
3 Thelma Adams Creel, and his children, Sharon Lee, Robert Dwayne,
4 William Reeves, Mark Allan, and Mary Margaret; and

5 WHEREAS, While the death of R. L. Creel brings great sadness
6 to his family and friends, he leaves behind a legacy that will long
7 be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert Lee Creel and
10 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
11 children, Sharon Biehle, Robert Dwayne Creel and his wife, Patty,
12 William R. Creel and his wife, Cindy, and Mary Margaret Creel; to
13 his grandchildren, Blake Spanier and his wife, Bonnie, Coady Creel
14 and his wife, Ty, Casey Creel and his wife, Jennifer, Blair Biehle
15 and his wife, Sarah, Hillary Armstrong and her husband, Luke, and
16 Alex, Jana, and Mary Catherine Creel; to his great-grandchildren,
17 Colin and Lila Creel, Randy and Ryan Armstrong, and Brooklyn
18 Biehle; to his sisters, Jimmyrtle Rogers, Daris Galloway, Jeanette
19 Haddox, Coya Eddleman, and Loretta Moreau; and to his other
20 relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert Lee
24 Creel.