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H.R. No. 657

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Norman F. Porter Sr. has dedicated much of his life
2 to the promotion and preservation of the history of Atascosa County
3 and the State of Texas, and his efforts in educating the public as a
4 school teacher, coach, administrator, and county historian merit
5 special recognition; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Porter began elementary school in Jourdanton
7 and graduated from Pleasanton High School in 1950; he attended
8 college on a series of football scholarships but interrupted his
9 studies to serve in the United States Army; following his return to
10 civilian life, he completed a bachelor of science degree in
11 education at Texas State University in 1957, and he received a
12 master's degree in the same discipline in 1965; and

13 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan began teaching and coaching at
14 Pleasanton Junior High School in 1956; he continued to work at the
15 school as a coach, history teacher, and administrator for 35 years
16 before retiring as principal in 1991; and

17 WHEREAS, A keen historian, Mr. Porter served as president of
18 the Longhorn Museum Society for 10 years, and in that capacity he
19 helped to restore the San Antonio, Uvalde, and Gulf Railroad Depot;
20 he later served as vice president of the 2006 Atascosa
21 Sesquicentennial Committee, as president of the Pleasanton
22 Cemetery Association, and, for 12 years, as chair of the Atascosa
23 County Historical Commission; during his tenure on the commission,
24 he wrote many historical narratives to obtain Official Texas

1 Historical Markers; in 2007, he published a book, *Atascosa County*
2 *History through 1912*, bringing to life the county's rich history
3 and culture; and

4 WHEREAS, In recognition of his many contributions to the
5 community, the Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce named Mr. Porter Man
6 of the Year in 1990 and Senior Citizen of the Year in 2005 and 2011;
7 and

8 WHEREAS, Time and again, Norman Porter has demonstrated his
9 enthusiasm for Texas history, and his myriad contributions to
10 Atascosa County and the Lone Star State have earned him the respect
11 and gratitude of many of his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
13 Legislature hereby commend Norman F. Porter Sr. for his outstanding
14 work as a school teacher, coach, administrator, and county
15 historian and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued
16 success; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for Mr. Porter as an expression of high regard by the Texas
19 House of Representatives.