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H.R. No. 823

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever cherish their  
2 memories of Arley G. Echols of Stephenville, who passed away on  
3 February 16, 2015, at the age of 68; and

4 WHEREAS, Arley Echols was born in Texarkana on July 23, 1946,  
5 to Roy and Dorothy Echols; he graduated from Plains High School and  
6 later received his bachelor's degree in education and master's  
7 degree in education administration from Tarleton State University;  
8 a veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Echols served overseas during the  
9 Vietnam War as a chaplain's assistant; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan enjoyed a successful career in  
11 education, serving as a sixth grade math teacher for the  
12 Stephenville Independent School District and as superintendent of  
13 Three Way and Huckabay Independent School Districts; he later  
14 worked as the veterans affairs officer for Erath County; and

15 WHEREAS, A respected and longtime member of the Stephenville  
16 community, Mr. Echols was active in the congregation at First  
17 Baptist Church; and

18 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Echols was blessed with  
19 the love and support of his wife, Cathy, with whom he shared nearly  
20 four decades of marriage; he was devoted to his children, Michael  
21 and Jennifer, and he later knew the joy of welcoming his  
22 granddaughters, Audrey and Emily, into his cherished family; and

23 WHEREAS, Arley Echols built a life that was rich in the  
24 intangibles that matter most, and although he is deeply missed, he

1 will always be remembered with admiration and affection by all  
2 those who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

3       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Arley G. Echols and  
5 extend sincere condolences to his family: to his wife, Cathy  
6 Echols; to his son, Michael Echols and his wife, Alecia; to his  
7 daughter, Jennifer Lesley and her husband, Brian; to his  
8 granddaughters, Audrey Echols and Emily Lesley; to his brothers,  
9 Dan Echols and his wife, Judy, Jerry Echols and his wife, Sandra,  
10 and Paul Echols and his wife, Tammy; to his sister, Marie Phillips  
11 and her husband, Gale; and to his other relatives and friends; and,  
12 be it further

13       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Arley  
16 G. Echols.