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H.R. No. 1196

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of James Henderson Strain of Abilene, who passed away on December
3 22, 2013, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to James H. and Victoria Strain in Odessa on
5 November 26, 1930, James Strain grew up in Haskell with his two
6 younger siblings, Ernest and Doris, and became an Eagle Scout
7 during his youth; he graduated from Haskell High School in 1948 and
8 went on to earn a degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M
9 University in 1952; as a member of the U.S. Army, he ably served his
10 country as a survey officer with the 7th Infantry Division during
11 the Korean War; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Strain played an important role in developing
13 the J. H. Strain and Sons highway construction company, which had
14 been founded by his father, and he helped guide its successful
15 operations for many years; respected by his colleagues in the
16 industry, he held such leadership positions as southwestern states
17 representative on the National Asphalt Pavement Association board,
18 president of the highway branch of the Associated General
19 Contractors of Texas, and president of the Texas Hot Mix
20 Association; and

21 WHEREAS, A prominent member of his community, Mr. Strain
22 served as president of Dixie Little League, as a director of the
23 Abilene Better Business Bureau, and as a member of the board of
24 Citizens National Bank of Abilene; in addition, he was a founding

1 member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church and chaired its
2 administrative board; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Strain and his wife, the former Carolyn Henshaw,
4 were married on May 30, 1952, beginning a richly rewarding marriage
5 that spanned more than six decades; the couple became the proud
6 parents of a daughter, Jayne, and two sons, Steve and Kent, and they
7 were further blessed as their family grew to include five
8 grandchildren, Alexis, Court, Ross, Whit, and Kaitlyn; and

9 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and an accomplished business
10 and civic leader, James Strain will be deeply missed, but the
11 integrity, courage, and abiding sense of humor with which he lived
12 his life will forever inspire all who had the good fortune to know
13 him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of James Henderson
16 Strain and extend sincere sympathy to those who mourn his passing;
17 and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James
21 Henderson Strain.