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H.R. No. 1310

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their
2 memories of Frank Steve Manitzas of San Antonio, who died on July
3 18, 2014, at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Greek immigrants, Frank Manitzas was born
5 in San Angelo on May 12, 1934, to Steve and Helen Leondaridou
6 Manitzas; he earned a degree from The University of Texas and went
7 on to join the U.S. Army; and

8 WHEREAS, During his military service at Fort Sam Houston in
9 San Antonio, Mr. Manitzas met and fell in love with Mary Ellen
10 Saunders, and they shared nearly six decades of marriage; with the
11 passing years, their family grew to include four children, Pam,
12 Debbie, Steve, and Tom, as well as six grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Manitzas received his juris doctorate from The
14 University of Texas; licensed in 1959, he worked for a time with the
15 National Labor Relations Board before entering private practice in
16 1966; he specialized in representing management in labor and
17 employment law cases, and he served as chair of the Labor and
18 Employment Law Section of the State Bar of Texas; he also took part
19 in the pilot program that established the Texas Board of Legal
20 Specialization and served on the board's Labor Law Advisory
21 Commission; passionately committed to the law, he continued to
22 practice until a month before his death; and

23 WHEREAS, Despite his busy professional life, Mr. Manitzas
24 found time to pursue his interest in photography, recording the

1 milestones of his family and friends in pictures; he shared his love
2 of poetry with his children and grandchildren, teaching them poems
3 by Robert Frost and Carl Sandburg; he also loved animals, and his
4 farm in Comfort was home to many cats, dogs, horses, alpacas,
5 donkeys, and chickens; and

6 WHEREAS, A true Texas gentleman, Frank Manitzas was deeply
7 devoted to his family, his profession, and his country, and the
8 wisdom, integrity, and generosity with which he lived his life will
9 forever inspire all who had the good fortune to know him; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Frank Steve
13 Manitzas and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
14 family: to his wife, Mary Ellen Manitzas; to his children and their
15 spouses, Pam Uhr and Stan McElroy, Debra and Phillip Trueman, Steve
16 Manitzas, and Thomas and Marsha Manitzas; to his grandchildren,
17 Marshall, Carson, and Hunter Uhr, Tyler and Elliott Trueman, and
18 Caitlin Manitzas; to his sister, Frances Tefas, and her husband,
19 Steve; to his nephew, Steve Tefas, and his wife, Rebecca; to his
20 niece, Stephanie Snedden, and her husband, Ted; to his extended
21 family members Sylvia and Gonzalo Barbosa and their family; to his
22 longtime friend, George Tamez; and to his other friends and
23 relatives; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Frank
27 Manitzas.