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H.R. No. 1314

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 death of John Frederick Gilbert of San Antonio on October 15, 2014,  
3 at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, John Gilbert was born in the Republic of Panama to  
5 John F. and Susan Hall Gilbert on June 20, 1926, and he attended  
6 school in the Canal Zone; after graduating, he answered his  
7 nation's call to duty and served in the U.S. Navy during World War  
8 II; and

9 WHEREAS, Following his honorable discharge from the navy in  
10 1946, Mr. Gilbert worked as a civilian employee for the U.S. Air  
11 Force; four years later, he joined the Canal Zone Police Force and  
12 worked his way up through the ranks until retiring as assistant  
13 district police commander at the rank of captain in 1976; that same  
14 year, he moved to San Antonio, where he continued to work for a time  
15 with the Wackenhut Security Company; and

16 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Gilbert enjoyed the love  
17 and support of his wife, Jacqueline, with whom he shared 59 years,  
18 until her death; they were blessed with five children, John, Steve,  
19 Robert, Michael, and Katie, and Mr. Gilbert later welcomed into his  
20 family 12 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren; and

21 WHEREAS, During his retirement, Mr. Gilbert and his wife  
22 enjoyed dancing as members of the Alamo Area Square and Round Dance  
23 Association, and they co-chaired the committee which sponsored the  
24 national square and round dance convention in San Antonio; the

1 couple were active as well in their local Catholic parish;  
2 Mr. Gilbert was also an avid bowler, and he was proud of the fact  
3 that over the course of his life, he bowled two perfect games; and

4 WHEREAS, John Gilbert was deeply devoted to his family, his  
5 faith, and his country, and he leaves behind a legacy that will long  
6 be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John Frederick  
9 Gilbert and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
10 family: to his sisters, Mildred Patton and Mary Urey; to his  
11 children, John W. Gilbert and his wife, Sheila, Steve Gilbert and  
12 his wife, Cathie, Robert "Bo" Gilbert and his wife, Andrea, Michael  
13 Gilbert and his wife, Lesa, and Katie Reddout and her husband,  
14 Richard; to his grandchildren, Michael Paul, J. Charley, Kyrie,  
15 Kaitlynn, Christopher, Madison, and Emilie Gilbert, Mary "Mimi"  
16 Fisher and her husband, Felix, Tallon and Cassidy Reddout, and  
17 Megan and Tricia Bontempo; to his great-grandchildren, Kila and  
18 William Fisher, Kyndell, Neveah, and Nathan Gilbert, Jade and  
19 Christian Smith, and Ben Koons; and to his other relatives and  
20 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 John  
24 Frederick Gilbert.