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H.R. No. 1421

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Robert Ray Lawson of Marshall on February 17, 2015, at
3 the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Ovilla on July 30, 1924, to William and Bunk
5 Lawson, Robert Lawson grew up on a farm with his seven siblings
6 during the Great Depression; he graduated from Midlothian High
7 School in 1941 and was drafted into the U.S. Army during World War
8 II, serving as a member of the Army Medical Corps in the Pacific
9 theater; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Lawson returned to the United States and met the
11 love of his life, Mona, and they were joined in matrimony in 1947;
12 the couple enjoyed more than 60 years of marriage, and together they
13 became the proud and devoted parents of their son, David; and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan cofounded the Mar-Tex Glass
15 Company in 1952, and he played an instrumental role in the firm's
16 success over more than four decades of operation; and

17 WHEREAS, An active member of First United Methodist Church,
18 Mr. Lawson also shared his time and talents with numerous other
19 organizations in his community, including the Marshall Optimist
20 Club, the Marshall Rotary Club, and the Marshall Chamber of
21 Commerce; he was a chair of the Marshall Independent School
22 District School Board for many years and a board member of the
23 Region VII Education Service Center, Peoples State Bank, and the
24 Harrison Central Appraisal District; in recognition of his

1 exceptional work, he was named Outstanding Citizen of Marshall in
2 2004, and he was the recipient of an honorary lifetime membership
3 from the Texas Congress of Parents and Teachers; and

4 WHEREAS, Although Robert Lawson is deeply missed, he leaves
5 behind a record of service to his family and fellow citizens that
6 will not soon be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Robert Ray Lawson and
9 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
10 wife, Mona Lawson; to his son, David Lawson and his wife, Tatiana;
11 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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