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H.R. No. 1527

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 Roy DeWitt Deen of Wills Point on December 14, 2014, at
3 the age of 102; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 24, 1912, DeWitt Deen was the
5 second child of John and Duron Deen; he graduated from Wills Point
6 High School in 1931 and subsequently moved to Fort Worth, where he
7 worked as a grocery clerk at his uncle's store; he later returned to
8 Wills Point and was employed as a dump truck operator for a local
9 Works Progress Administration project; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Deen went on to pursue his calling as an
11 entrepreneur and branched out into other endeavors; he enjoyed a
12 fulfilling career in agriculture, growing cotton and grain and
13 tending cattle, and he was also a land developer and the owner of a
14 marina, a grocery store, and a water company; and

15 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Deen served on the
16 boards of the Van Zandt County Farm Bureau, the Van Zandt County
17 Appraisal District, and the Kaufman-Van Zandt-Rockwall Soil and
18 Water Conservation District; he further distinguished himself as a
19 founding member of the Wills Point Rodeo Club and as a member of the
20 Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, and he was a
21 valued congregant of the First Baptist Church in Wills Point for
22 more than 90 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Deen shared nearly six decades of marriage with
24 his wife, the former Mary Sue Hall, until her passing in 2001; he

1 was the proud father of six children, Susie, Donna, David, Roy,
2 Tommy, and Eddie, and over the ensuing years, he also had the
3 pleasure of seeing his family grow to include three additional
4 generations; and

5 WHEREAS, Although DeWitt Deen will be deeply missed,
6 cherished memories of time spent in his company will long endure in
7 the hearts of his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Roy DeWitt Deen and
10 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
11 daughters, Susie Hagler and Donna Gunter and her husband, Sammy; to
12 his sons, David Deen, Roy Deen and his wife, Kelly, Tommy Deen and
13 his wife, Jeanne, and Eddie Deen and his wife, Allison; to his
14 brothers, Billy Deen and Ted Deen and his wife, Nancy; to his
15 grandchildren, Kim, Krisann, Sammi, Dustin, Chad, Brent, Raleigh,
16 Jana, Clay, Abigail, Eli, and Edison; to his step-grandchildren,
17 Sidney, Dan, and Shannon; to his 8 great-grandchildren, 10
18 step-great-grandchildren, and 2 great-great-granddaughters; and to
19 his other loved ones; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of DeWitt
23 Deen.