

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 1855

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Joe E. Sharp on March 9, 2015, at the age of 77; and

3 WHEREAS, The son of H. E. and Alice Sharp, Joe Sharp was born
4 in Childress on May 14, 1937; he graduated from Munday High School
5 and completed his bachelor's degree in accounting at North Texas
6 State University; after beginning a career in accounting with Peat
7 Marwick Mitchell and Company, he established his own practice in
8 Amarillo; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Sharp embarked on a new path in 1984 with his
10 acquisition of the First National Bank of Baird; he subsequently
11 purchased a number of other banks, including First Security Bank of
12 Beaver, First National Bank of Munday, and First National Bank of
13 Weatherford; and

14 WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Sharp's business interests grew
15 to include a bank holding company, a bank software company, and a
16 number of other enterprises; he chaired the board of First Bank
17 Texas, First National Bank of Weatherford, First Security Bank of
18 Beaver, and First Baird Bancshares, and he served on the board of
19 the Independent Bankers Association of Texas; in business, as in
20 every sphere of endeavor, he placed special emphasis on
21 relationships, demonstrating an exceptional commitment to
22 employees and customers alike; and

23 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan gave generously of his time and
24 resources to a number of worthy organizations; he served on the

1 board of Marine Military Academy in Harlingen, and he was an active
2 member of First Baptist Church of Colleyville; moreover, he was a
3 faithful partner of the Southwestern and Midwestern Baptist
4 Theological Seminaries, and he supported numerous charities both
5 personally and through the banks that he led; and

6 WHEREAS, Joe Sharp treasured, above all, the time he spent in
7 the company of his family and friends, and those he leaves behind
8 will forever cherish their memories of his kindness, faith, and
9 devotion; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joe E. Sharp and
12 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
13 wife, Becky Sharp; to his children, Zan Prince and her husband,
14 Mike, Steve Sharp, Keleigh Greenwood and her husband, Phil, Scott
15 Sharp and his wife, Amanda, and Justin Sharp and his wife, Nikki; to
16 his stepson, Tanner Hanley; to his 10 grandsons and 2
17 great-grandsons; and to his many other relatives and friends; and,
18 be it further

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