

By: Murr

H.R. No. 2423

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Kimble County lost an esteemed
2 community leader with the passing of Wilbur Ray Dunk on May 10,
3 2013, at the age of 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Wilbur Dunk was born in Kimble County on September
5 9, 1928, to William Henry and Ada Ophelia Dunk; as a teenager, he
6 was the national first vice president of the FFA, and he graduated
7 from Junction High School in 1946; and

8 WHEREAS, A United States Army veteran, Mr. Dunk was stationed
9 at Fort Hood before he returned to his family's ranch near Junction;
10 in addition to ranching, he served his community as an elected
11 public official for more than 33 years, first as the Precinct 4
12 Kimble County commissioner and then as the county judge; he was a
13 charter member of the Texas Association of Regional Councils and a
14 director and president of the National Association of Regional
15 Councils, and he was recognized with the Tom Bradley Regional
16 Leadership Award and the first Wilbur R. Dunk Regional Leadership
17 Award, which was named in his honor; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Dunk also served as president of the Junction
19 Independent School District Board of Trustees, and he was a member
20 of the Lions and Rotary Clubs; moreover, he was a deacon at First
21 United Methodist Church and later at First Baptist Church; and

22 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Dunk enjoyed the love and
23 support of his wife, the former Joyce Pyles, with whom he shared
24 nearly six decades, and he took great pride in his children, Debra

1 and Duane, and in his grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and

2 WHEREAS, The life of Wilbur Dunk stands as an inspiring
3 example of positive civic engagement, and he leaves behind a legacy
4 of good works that will long resonate in Kimble County; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Wilbur Ray Dunk and
8 extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
9 Joyce Dunk; to his children, Debra Speer and her husband, Kelly, and
10 Duane Dunk and his wife, Tammy; to his brother, Harold Dunk, and his
11 wife, Barbara; to his four grandchildren and nine
12 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
13 be it further

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