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H.R. No. 2754

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 Larry Frank Orlando of Pinehurst on April 11, 2015, at
3 the age of 70; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Houston on November 11, 1944, Larry Orlando
5 developed a passion for sports at an early age through the Variety
6 Boys' Club, where he participated in basketball, baseball,
7 football, and boxing and earned his nickname of "Red Dog"; he went
8 on to play football and baseball at Reagan High School and
9 subsequently at Kilgore College; and

10 WHEREAS, In addition to enjoying a long and fulfilling career
11 at the Houston Service Center, Mr. Orlando dedicated himself to
12 guiding young athletes in his community; he became a football coach
13 at the Variety Boys' Club and helped with other VBC activities, and
14 he coached at the Oaks Dads Club and the local YMCA as well;
15 moreover, he was the sports announcer for Houston Christian High
16 School for more than three decades and a press box announcer for the
17 Karl Young College Baseball League; he also brought joy to children
18 during his 25-year tenure as the official Santa Claus for the Texas
19 Children's Hospital; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Orlando was joined in marriage with the former
21 Angela Warren in 1965; over the years, the couple became the parents
22 of three children, Vick, Toni Dene', and Gina, who preceded her
23 father in death; with the passing years, the family grew to include
24 six grandchildren; and

1 WHEREAS, Larry Orlando made a meaningful difference in the
2 lives of his loved ones and the numerous young people he mentored,
3 and his contributions will long be remembered by all who had the
4 good fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Larry Frank Orlando
7 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
8 wife, Angela Orlando; to his children, Vick Orlando and his wife,
9 Melinda, and Toni Dene' Orlando Alverson; to his mother, Eula
10 Frances DuBroff; to his brother, Dr. Joe Orlando, and his wife,
11 Hope; to his sisters, Constance DuBroff, Carol Price, and Deborah
12 Pape and her husband, Glen; to his grandchildren, Lauren Orlando,
13 Tyler Orlando and his fiancée, Ellie Dabney, Taylor Dene'
14 Orlando-Gulledge, Forrest Vaughn, and Tanner and Teagan Alverson;
15 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Larry Frank
19 Orlando.