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H.R. No. 3254

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of El Paso lost an admired business and  
2 civic leader with the passing of Richard Poe on May 16, 2015, at the  
3 age of 81; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in El Paso on April 7, 1934, Dick Poe earned his  
5 bachelor's degree in business administration at The University of  
6 Texas--El Paso and subsequently joined his family's automotive  
7 business; he expanded its dealerships to include Dick Poe  
8 Chrysler-Jeep, Dick Poe Dodge-Ram, and Dick Poe Toyota-Scion, and  
9 today, the company employs more than 400 people; over the years,  
10 Mr. Poe was a mentor to many of his staff members, even after they  
11 went on to other careers, and he looked out for the interests of  
12 other dealers; and

13           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan also owned Evergreen Cemeteries  
14 and several other properties, and he served on the boards of State  
15 National Bank, Coronado Bank, Sandia Savings and Loan, and other  
16 businesses; he remained involved in day-to-day operations of his  
17 dealerships until shortly before his death; a quiet philanthropist,  
18 he generously supported his alma mater and its athletics  
19 department, and he contributed to Special Olympics, United Cerebral  
20 Palsy, and countless other charities while shying away from  
21 recognition; he was a member of numerous civic organizations, among  
22 them the Masonic Lodge, El Maida Shrine, and Sigma Alpha Epsilon;  
23 and

24           WHEREAS, A man of great warmth and kindness, Dick Poe will be

1 deeply missed by those who were privileged to share in the richness  
2 of his life, but his contributions to the community will continue to  
3 resonate in the years to come; now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dick Poe and extend  
6 sincere condolences to his family: to his sons, Richard C. Poe II  
7 and Troy Stephen Poe; to his sister, Claudia Barry; to his nieces  
8 and nephews, Alton B. Poe IV, Richard Hopper, Faith Poe, Charity  
9 Poe-Rakes, and Kellie Monticelli; and to his other relatives and  
10 friends; and, be it further

11       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dick Poe.