

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life committed to serving the greater good drew to
2 a close with the passing of Hurshell Hartford Hatley, the father of
3 our esteemed colleague, the Honorable Marsha Farney, on April 19,
4 2015, at the age of 90; and

5 WHEREAS, The son of Benjamin Franklin Hatley and Emma
6 Jeffries, Hurshell Hatley was born near San Angelo on December 29,
7 1924, and was raised with the companionship of eight siblings;
8 growing up during the Great Depression, he joined his brother
9 Shelby to work for the Civilian Conservation Corps in order to help
10 support his family; he later served his country in World War II as a
11 cartographer in the United States Army; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Hatley shared nearly six and a half decades with
13 his wife, Shirley Hatley; over the years, the couple became the
14 parents of three children, Gary, Marsha, and Terri, and Mr. Hatley
15 took great pleasure in watching each of them grow into accomplished
16 adults; he later delighted in welcoming into his family six
17 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. Hatley enjoyed a fulfilling career that spanned
19 two decades at Sperry Rand, where he was a Sperry Remington
20 typewriter salesman and technician before he worked on early
21 computers; his customers included the Texas Scottish Rite Hospital
22 for Children, and in his spare time, he used his skills as a master
23 leatherworker to tailor custom belts for young patients and
24 modified a typewriter for a boy who lost the use of his hands in an

1 accident; and

2 WHEREAS, Dedicated to effecting positive change in his
3 community, Mr. Hatley led an exemplary 15-year tenure as a reserve
4 police officer for the Dallas Police Department, and he was on duty,
5 assigned to crowd control several blocks away, on that fateful
6 afternoon when President John F. Kennedy was assassinated; he later
7 served the Sunnyvale community as a member of its planning and
8 zoning committee and as a sentinel in the Masonic Lodge; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Hatley touched countless lives through his
10 strong faith as well; while living in Paris, Texas, he served as a
11 board member for Christians in Action, an organization that
12 provided food, shelter, and clothing for families in need, and in
13 1976, he helped build the Red River Valley Bible Camp, which he
14 managed for six years and which continues to thrive today; after
15 residing in Paris for more than a quarter-century, he and his wife
16 relocated to Temple to be closer to their family; and

17 WHEREAS, In his leisure hours, Mr. Hatley loved spending time
18 outdoors; he spent many joyful weekends with his family at their
19 farm in Kaufman, where he raised black Angus cattle, and he was also
20 an avid gardener, producing bountiful harvests that he generously
21 shared with others; and

22 WHEREAS, Hurshell Hatley lived a rich and purposeful life
23 centered around his faith, his family, and his community, and he
24 leaves behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all those who
25 knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Hurshell Hartford

1 Hatley and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family:
2 to his wife, Shirley Hatley; to his children, Gary Hatley and his
3 wife, Virginia, Marsha Farney and her husband, Bryan, and Terri
4 Hatley; to his grandchildren, Ashley and her husband, Brad, and
5 Bryan, Drew, Bret, Kristy, and Kimberly; to his
6 great-grandchildren, Logan, Abigail, Cameron, Reid, Aria, Braden,
7 and Ava; to his siblings, Billy and Una; and to his other relatives
8 and many friends; and, be it further

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

Farney

H.R. No. 3569

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 3569 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 1, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House