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H.R. No. 3569

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.