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H.R. No. 214

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 Fletcher William Ward Jr. of Freer on April 20, 2017, at
3 the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Fletcher and Ruby Ward, "Shorty" Ward was
5 born on August 23, 1927, in Lamont, Florida; he served his nation as
6 a member of the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War and
7 earned the Purple Heart; he went on to enjoy a rewarding career as a
8 self-employed diesel mechanic, working with oil field companies for
9 more than half a century; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Ward shared 47 years of marriage with his
11 beloved wife, Maudie, and he took great pride in his four sons,
12 Donald, James, Malcolm, and Keith, and six daughters, Melissa,
13 Margo, Jessica, Patti, Ruby, and Priscilla; with the passing years,
14 he had the pleasure of watching his family grow to include 19
15 grandchildren and numerous great-grandchildren; in his leisure
16 time, he counted fishing among his favorite pursuits; and

17 WHEREAS, Although Shorty Ward will be deeply missed, he has
18 left his family and friends with a wealth of memories that they will
19 forever treasure; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
21 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
22 Fletcher William Ward Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to the
23 members of his family: to his wife, Maudie Ward; to his sons, Donald
24 Foote, James Foote and his wife, Xiomara, Malcolm Foote, and Keith

1 Foote; to his daughters, Melissa Gordon and her husband, Greg,
2 Margo Brone, Jessica Stuart and her husband, Mark, and Patti
3 Measels and her husband, Dale; to his grandchildren and
4 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
5 be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Shorty
9 Ward.