

By: Clardy

H.R. No. 309

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The city of Etoile lost an esteemed community leader  
2 with the passing of Mervis Lynn Lowery on December 22, 2015, at the  
3 age of 81; and

4           WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of Etoile, Mervis Lowery was  
5 born to E. O. and Agnes Lowery on September 7, 1934; he initially  
6 followed in his father's footsteps by taking a position with the  
7 Texas Forest Service but later enjoyed a rewarding career at the  
8 paper mill in Lufkin; and

9           WHEREAS, Following his retirement, Mr. Lowery devoted his  
10 time to a number of worthy organizations, including the Etoile  
11 Water Board and the Nacogdoches Civic Center Board; he also played a  
12 key role in establishing the town's medical clinic and volunteer  
13 fire department and in helping ensure that area first responders  
14 were trained and certified; he proudly served as a volunteer  
15 firefighter, and after becoming a hazardous material technician  
16 with Southland Response in 2004, he worked at spill sites  
17 throughout East Texas with personnel from local fire departments,  
18 the Texas Department of Transportation, and the Texas Department of  
19 Public Safety; and

20           WHEREAS, For 18 years, Mr. Lowery served on the board of the  
21 Nacogdoches County Hospital District, supporting the district's  
22 employees and emergency medical services, and he campaigned for the  
23 establishment of a helipad on the Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital  
24 campus, a project that came to fruition in 2016; and

1           WHEREAS, Affectionately known as the "Mayor of Etoile,"  
2 Mervis Lowery set an inspiring example of civic engagement, and his  
3 invaluable contributions to the Lone Star State will be remembered  
4 and admired for years to come; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Mervis Lynn Lowery and  
7 extend sincere condolences to his family and friends; and, be it  
8 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 Mervis  
12 Lowery.