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H.R. No. 491

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The life of an esteemed attorney drew to a close with
2 the passing of Morris Emmett Burton on October 24, 2016, at the age
3 of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Mason and Minnie Burton, Morris Burton
5 was born on June 17, 1931, and grew up in Somerset, Kentucky, with
6 the companionship of two sisters, Glenda and Edna; he graduated
7 from the University of Kentucky College of Law in 1954 and soon
8 thereafter answered his nation's call to duty as a member of the
9 United States Air Force; he retired in 1956 at the rank of first
10 lieutenant; and

11 WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Burton began
12 practicing law in Frankfort, Kentucky, and in 1984, he assumed the
13 role of commonwealth's attorney, an office he held until retiring
14 in 2000; in recognition of his outstanding work, he was named the
15 1991 Commonwealth's Attorney of the Year; in addition, he was
16 active in his community as chair of the March of Dimes, as a member
17 of the advisory board of the local Salvation Army, as a member of
18 the Frankfort Kiwanis Club and the University of Kentucky Alumni
19 Association, and as a congregant of the First United Methodist
20 Church of Frankfort; and

21 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Burton enjoyed the love
22 and support of his wife, the former Marcia McDaniel, with whom he
23 shared 62 years of marriage; the couple were blessed with a fine
24 family that included three children, Beth Sturm and her husband,

1 Larry, Sandra Burton and her husband, Rob Hoenscheid, and Greg
2 Burton and his wife, Jill, as well as five grandchildren, Jamie,
3 Alex, Brady, Paige, and Bryce; and

4 WHEREAS, Morris Burton made a positive difference in many
5 lives through his professional and civic contributions, and he
6 leaves behind a record of service that his loved ones can remember
7 with pride; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Morris Emmett
10 Burton and extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and friends;
11 and, be it further

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