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H.R. No. 542

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 Bill Brabbin of Abilene on January 24, 2017, at the age
3 of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Milford and Thelma Brabbin, Bill Brabbin
5 was born in Merkel on November 8, 1928, and grew up with the
6 companionship of three brothers, Donald, Fred, and Jerry; he
7 answered his nation's call to duty in 1946 and served overseas in
8 Guam and Tokyo before his military discharge in 1949; and

9 WHEREAS, After returning to civilian life, Mr. Brabbin
10 established the Brabbin Construction Company, and he spent over
11 half a century building homes in Abilene and Brownwood; he
12 contributed to his professional community as president of the Big
13 Country Home Builders Association, the Abilene Home Builders
14 Association, and the Abilene Association of Realtors and as a
15 director of the National Association of Home Builders; an honorary
16 member of BCHBA, he was presented with the 1995 Raymond Thomason
17 Award and was twice voted Builder of the Year by that organization;
18 moreover, he was given the 2007 Ted Schlossman Lifetime Achievement
19 Award and named an honored life director by the Texas Association of
20 Builders, of which he was a member for over 50 years; this esteemed
21 Texan further distinguished himself through his involvement with
22 many civic organizations, and he was a valued congregant of
23 Southern Hills Church of Christ; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Brabbin enjoyed a long and rewarding marriage

1 with his wife, Jean George, before her passing in 2013; over the
2 years, they were blessed with a family that included their son, Bob
3 Brabbin, and his wife, Billie, as well as three grandchildren,
4 Beau, Baron, and Lea, and three great-grandchildren, Brailynn,
5 Christian, and Bailey; and

6 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, an engaged member of his
7 community, and a successful entrepreneur, Bill Brabbin leaves
8 behind a legacy that will continue to inspire all who had the good
9 fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bill Brabbin and
12 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family and to his
13 friends; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill
17 Brabbin.