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H.R. No. 639

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 death of Robert K. Murphy of Houston on November 29, 2016, at the
3 age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Bob Murphy was born in Chicago, Illinois, to Richard
5 and Loretta Murphy; after graduating from Loyola Academy, he
6 answered his nation's call to duty and enlisted in the U.S. Marine
7 Corps, serving during the Korean War and attaining the rank of
8 master sergeant; and

9 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Murphy married Joan
10 Bowers in 1954, and they shared many happy years together until her
11 death; he was the proud father of five children, Mary Beth, Marilyn,
12 Jim, Barbara, and Kathleen, and later in life, he was blessed with
13 nine grandchildren, Christopher, Jonathan, Patrick, Nicholas,
14 Robert, Pace, Katie, Benjamin, and Emma, and a great-grandson,
15 James; and

16 WHEREAS, A resident of Houston since 1963, Mr. Murphy enjoyed
17 a successful career with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance
18 Company that spanned five decades, and he was active in his
19 community and in local politics for most of his life as well; a man
20 of deep religious faith, he was a member of St. Cecilia Catholic
21 Church and a patron of the Holy Name Retreat Center; and

22 WHEREAS, Proud of his Irish heritage, Mr. Murphy was an
23 energetic, good-humored, and dynamic individual who knew his own
24 mind; he loved music, he enjoyed playing golf and hunting, and he

1 particularly delighted in the time he spent with his children and
2 grandchildren at his home on Inks Lake; and

3 WHEREAS, Bob Murphy embraced life to the fullest, and the
4 memory of his optimism and gregarious laugh ensure that he will
5 forever remain a vibrant presence in the lives of all those who knew
6 and loved him; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert K. Murphy and
9 extend heartfelt sympathy to his relatives and many friends; and,
10 be it further

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