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H.R. No. 817

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Frank J. Nemec, an esteemed citizen of West, is
2 visiting the State Capitol on March 16, 2017; and

3 WHEREAS, The son of Paul and Mary Nemec, Frank Nemec was born
4 in the community of Cottonwood, near West, on October 17, 1914; he
5 grew up speaking both Polish and Czech and attended St. Joseph and
6 Cottonwood schools; as a young man, he farmed cotton and other crops
7 for his family and played semipro baseball for Cottonwood; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Nemec enlisted in the United States Marine Corps
9 during World War II and took part in the amphibious landings at New
10 Britain, Peleliu, and Okinawa; he further served in Guadalcanal,
11 New Guinea, Pavuvu, and Goodenough Island, and after 28 straight
12 months in the war zone, he served a three-month tour of occupation
13 duty in China; his military awards include a Good Conduct Medal and
14 the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal, and his unit, Company B of the
15 1st Tank Battalion, 1st Marine Division, was awarded the
16 Presidential Unit Citation; and

17 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, Mr. Nemec
18 performed sewing machine maintenance and repair in Decatur, Dallas,
19 West, and Waco for the Lorch Manufacturing Company, Wolf
20 Manufacturing, Nardis Sportswear, and the Crawford-Austin
21 Manufacturing Company; he also repaired home machines for more than
22 60 years; and

23 WHEREAS, Frank Nemec married the former Marie Raby on
24 November 26, 1953, and they became the parents of four children; the

1 couple operated Family Fabrics, a retail store, in downtown West
2 from 1965 until 1980; Mr. Nemec served as a director of the West
3 Chamber of Commerce and the West Industrial Foundation and as a
4 member of the St. Mary's school board; a member, also, of the West
5 Baseball Association, he was instrumental in raising funds for the
6 West Baseball Complex; in addition, he holds membership in KJT
7 Society No. 31 and American Legion Post No. 478 and life membership
8 in VFW Post No. 4819, Knights of Columbus Council No. 2305,
9 Disabled American Veterans Chapter 3, and the 1st Marine Division
10 Association; he is also a lifelong parishioner of St. Mary's Church
11 of the Assumption; and

12 WHEREAS, Few citizens can claim such a lengthy record of
13 civic engagement as Frank Nemec, and it is indeed a pleasure to
14 recognize him on the occasion of West Day at the State Capitol; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor Frank J. Nemec for his contributions to
18 West and extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness;
19 and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for Mr. Nemec as an expression of high regard by the Texas
22 House of Representatives.