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H.R. No. 1646

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 death of the Reverend Harvey E. Penley of Haltom City on April 5,
3 2017, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Harvey Eugene Penley was born in Little Ferry, New
5 Jersey, on July 11, 1930, to Ralph and Valentine Penley; he grew up
6 in Miami and served in the Florida National Guard with the U.S. Army
7 51st Infantry Division from 1950 to 1956; after majoring in
8 marketing and management at the University of Miami, he ran his own
9 paper company in Florida for 22 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Licensed to the ministry at Central Baptist Church
11 in Miami in 1974, Mr. Penley moved to Fort Worth to study theology
12 and earn a master's degree in religious education from Southwestern
13 Baptist Theological Seminary; he later received his doctorate in
14 theology and pastoral counseling from Trinity Theological
15 Seminary; he was ordained at Handley Baptist Church in Fort Worth in
16 1977; and

17 WHEREAS, Reverend Penley served as senior pastor of
18 Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Haltom City for more than two decades,
19 until his retirement in 1997, and he went on to minister to senior
20 adults at Oak Knoll Baptist Church from 1999 to 2005 and at Lamar
21 Baptist Church from 2006 until 2016; he was also a pastoral
22 counselor at Haltom Road Baptist Church and a substitute teacher
23 for the Birdville Independent School District; and

24 WHEREAS, Harvey Penley set an inspiring example of faith in

1 action, and countless are those who benefited from his wise counsel
2 and spiritual leadership; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of the Reverend Harvey
5 E. Penley and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his
6 family: to his wife, Sherry Bailey Penley; to his children, David
7 Penley and his wife, Sabra, Kathleen Black, and Tracie Whetstone
8 and her husband, Erik; to his grandchildren, Elyse Brumfield and
9 her husband, Darryl, and Philip Penley; to his great-grandson,
10 Andre Brumfield; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
11 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 Harvey
15 Penley.