

By: Wray

H.R. No. 1858

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Henderson County have lost a  
2 respected public servant with the death of Precinct 5 Justice of the  
3 Peace Tommy Barnett on April 1, 2017, at the age of 66; and

4 WHEREAS, Thomas Jim Barnett was born in Athens, Texas, on May  
5 17, 1950, to Brink and Mabel Barnett; after graduating from  
6 Malakoff High School in 1968, he attended Henderson County Junior  
7 College and went on to earn his bachelor's degree at Sam Houston  
8 State University in 1974; he later completed a master's degree in  
9 education at Stephen F. Austin State University; and

10 WHEREAS, For 32 years, Mr. Barnett taught vocational  
11 agriculture for the Cross Roads Independent School District; he  
12 received the 1996 Henderson County Woodrow Walker Memorial Award in  
13 recognition of his support of the Henderson County Livestock Show,  
14 and in March 2017, Cross Roads ISD named its new agricultural  
15 science building the Tommy Barnett Ag Complex in his honor; over the  
16 course of his career in education, Mr. Barnett also worked as a  
17 special education teacher for Malakoff ISD and as principal of  
18 Cross Roads High School; and

19 WHEREAS, In 2006, Mr. Barnett was elected Henderson County  
20 Precinct 5 justice of the peace, and he served in that office until  
21 his passing; he was also active with the Senior Olympics in local  
22 nursing homes, and he was a member of the Henderson County Go Texan  
23 Committee; in all his endeavors, he enjoyed the love and support of  
24 his wife, Dot, with whom he shared 32 years of marriage; and

1           WHEREAS, A respected civic leader and a beloved teacher,  
2 Tommy Barnett lived a rich and purposeful life, and memories of his  
3 good humor, generosity, and service to others will continue to  
4 inspire all those who knew him; now, therefore, be it

5           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas  
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Judge Tommy Barnett  
7 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
8 wife, Dorothy Durham Barnett; to his sisters, Sara James and her  
9 husband, Jesse, Patti Thomas and her husband, Scotty, and Lori  
10 Daniel and her husband, Brett; and to his many other relatives and  
11 friends; 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 Tommy  
15 Barnett.