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By:  Bell of Kaufman H.R. No. 1308

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived remain to comfort the family and friends of James Dewey Welch of Mabank, who passed away on March 15, 2019, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, James Welch was born in Caddo, Oklahoma, on September 14, 1930, to Clyde and Beautrice Welch, and he grew up with the companionship of a brother, Leslie, and two sisters, Pauline and Wanda; he answered his nation's call to duty by joining the U.S. Navy, and following his military service, he earned a master's degree in education from Southeastern Oklahoma State University; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Welch was a longtime educator who taught at several schools in Weslaco and Mesquite, where he touched the lives of many students; after completing his career, he served as a member of the Texas Retired Teachers Association and the Mesquite Association of Retired School Employees; moreover, he was a valued congregant of the Beacon Church of Christ, and in his leisure time, he enjoyed pursuing his favorite hobby, fishing; and

WHEREAS, A caring family man, Mr. Welch shared more than 63 years of marriage with the love of his life, Sue Welch, and he was the proud father of four children, Larry, Randy, Susan, and Danny; he later experienced the joy of welcoming into his family six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, James Welch is deeply missed, and he will long be remembered with warmth and affection by all who were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Dewey Welch and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Sue Welch; to his children, Larry Welch and his wife, Deborah, Randy Welch and his wife, Robin, and Susan Coleman and her husband, David; to his grandchildren, Tierra Herrera, Raini Estrada, Madeline Welch, Makenna Welch, Kyle Vyers, and Kristen Vyers; to his great-grandchildren, Soren, Tessa, and Stormi; to his sister, Wanda Pierce; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James Welch.