

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 319

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Wise County lost an admired civic leader with the  
2 passing of Dwight Albert Sharpe of Aurora on July 12, 2018, at the  
3 age of 79; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Ballinger on June 24, 1939, D. A. Sharpe grew  
5 up in Houston, Sweetwater, San Antonio, and Dallas; he graduated  
6 from The University of Texas at Austin, and a new job with IBM  
7 Corporation took him to New Orleans, where he met his future wife,  
8 the former Suzanne Boggess; following a whirlwind courtship, they  
9 married on September 30, 1962, and they became the parents of three  
10 children, Taylor, Tiffany, and Todd; the couple eventually knew the  
11 joy of welcoming into their family seven grandchildren, Katherine,  
12 Jack, Lily, Sarah, Sam, Luke, and Brooke; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Sharpe became very involved in the Presbyterian  
14 Church, and his dedication to Christian ministry led to a long  
15 career in that arena; for a decade, he worked in St. Louis,  
16 Missouri, as managing editor of *The Open Letter*, a church  
17 publication; he moved to Dallas in 1982 to become business manager  
18 for Highland Park Presbyterian Church, and he went on to serve as  
19 director of stewardship and support services and as executive  
20 administrator for the senior pastor until retiring in 2004; and

21 WHEREAS, Long active in civic life, Mr. Sharpe continued to  
22 work in behalf of the Republican Party after relocating to Wise  
23 County in 1999; among numerous leadership roles, he served for  
24 eight years as Wise County Republican chair, and he was a state and

1 national GOP delegate, as well as communications director for State  
2 Senate District 30; a fifth-generation Texan, he was a proud member  
3 of the Sons of the Republic of Texas; he served as editor of the  
4 monthly journal of the Dallas chapter of Sons of the American  
5 Revolution, and he wrote articles for several genealogical  
6 publications; through extensive research, he was able to trace his  
7 lineage to the Mayflower and 7th-century Norway; and

8 WHEREAS, D. A. Sharpe is deeply missed, but those who were  
9 privileged to know him will forever remember his great faith, his  
10 kindness, and his devotion to his loved ones and to his community;  
11 now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dwight Albert Sharpe  
14 and extend sincere condolences to all who mourn his passing; and, be  
15 it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dwight  
19 Albert Sharpe.