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H.R. No. 1211

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The late Billy W. Wilder of Sherman devoted nearly
2 three decades to serving the people of Texas through his
3 distinguished career with the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts;
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5 WHEREAS, A native of Orangeville, Mr. Wilder demonstrated an
6 aptitude for mathematics and accounting early on, and after
7 graduating from North Texas State College in 1960, he joined the
8 Texas comptroller's office in 1964; he began his career at a Dallas
9 field office before transferring to the Sherman office in 1968; and

10 WHEREAS, Over the course of his exemplary 28-year tenure as
11 an enforcement officer, Mr. Wilder trained many of his younger
12 coworkers in Sherman and earned their lasting respect and
13 admiration for his patience and expertise; he was likewise
14 well-respected by the business community; for a good portion of his
15 time with the agency, he served under the legendary Texas
16 comptroller Bob Bullock, who made headlines with the renowned
17 "Bullock's Raiders" tax collections; Mr. Wilder retired in 1992;
18 and

19 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan also served as a minister in the
20 United Methodist Church for six decades; he was licensed by the
21 church in 1955 and ordained in 1972, and he worked for many years as
22 a circuit minister; after he retired in 2001, he continued to serve
23 as a visitation minister for two congregations in Sherman; and

24 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Wilder enjoyed the love

1 and support of his wife, Patricia Lois Toldan, with whom he shared
2 43 years, and he took great pride in their children, Dwayne, Hope,
3 Allison, Tim, and Beth; he passed away in 2015, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, Billy Wilder's dedication, professionalism, and
5 commitment to excellence greatly benefited his fellow Texans, and
6 he leaves behind a record of public service that will continue to
7 inspire all who were fortunate enough to know him; now, therefore,
8 be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
10 Legislature hereby honor the late Billy W. Wilder for his many
11 years of service to the Texas Comptroller of Public Accounts; and,
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family as an expression of high regard by the Texas
15 House of Representatives.