

By: Bell of Kaufman

H.R. No. 1308

R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

23 WHEREAS, James Welch is deeply missed, and he will long be  
24 remembered with warmth and affection by all who were fortunate

1 enough to know him; now, therefore, be it

2           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Dewey Welch  
4 and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
5 wife, Sue Welch; to his children, Larry Welch and his wife, Deborah,  
6 Randy Welch and his wife, Robin, and Susan Coleman and her husband,  
7 David; to his grandchildren, Tierra Herrera, Raini Estrada,  
8 Madeline Welch, Makenna Welch, Kyle Vyers, and Kristen Vyers; to  
9 his great-grandchildren, Soren, Tessa, and Stormi; to his sister,  
10 Wanda Pierce; 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 James  
15 Welch.