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H.R. No. 1426

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and productive life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Eugene Francis Motter of Mansfield on March 28, 2019, at
3 the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, The only child of Carl and Gertrude Motter, Gene
5 Motter was born in Gaylord, Kansas, on March 24, 1927; he graduated
6 from Kansas State University and served in the 4th U.S. Army Air
7 Force during World War II; on June 14, 1953, he married the former
8 Harriet Anderson, and they were blessed with three children, Liz,
9 Mary, and Jay; he eventually knew the joy of welcoming into his
10 treasured family five grandchildren, William, Richard, Jake,
11 Sarah, and Dolan, as well as a great-granddaughter, Scarlett; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Motter was a registered professional engineer,
13 and he worked for Occidental Petroleum in Hobbs, New Mexico, before
14 becoming region engineering manager in Midland in 1968; he served
15 on the New Mexico State Board of Registered Engineers and on the
16 board of the Society of Petroleum Engineers, and in 1984, the Texas
17 Society of Professional Engineers named him Engineer of the Year;
18 after retiring in 1988, he launched a consulting business and
19 served as an officer for Breck Operating Corporation in
20 Breckenridge and as a regional representative for the Zimmark
21 Corporation; and

22 WHEREAS, While residing in Hobbs, Mr. Motter won election to
23 the city council, and he went on to hold the office of mayor; he
24 later joined the Midland Planning and Zoning Board and served as

1 commissioner of Midland Youth Baseball; in addition, he was a
2 longtime Mason and held many leadership roles during more than four
3 decades as a Rotarian; he received the Rotary Builders award and was
4 named an Honorary Member of Rotary International; moreover, he was
5 an avid golfer and served as a tournament marshal and as president
6 of both the Walnut Creek Country Club Retired Men's Golf
7 Association and the Mid Cities Senior Golf Association; he also
8 enjoyed gardening, woodworking, photography, and traveling with
9 his wife and family; strong in his faith, he was a charter member of
10 two Lutheran congregations, serving several terms as church council
11 president, and after relocating to Mansfield, he belonged to
12 St. Gregory's Anglican Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his loved ones, his community,
14 and his faith, Gene Motter earned the lasting respect and
15 admiration of all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore,
16 be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Eugene Francis
19 Motter and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends;
20 and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Eugene
24 Francis Motter.