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H.R. No. 1598

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The 99th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly  
2 cause for celebration, and J. L. Price of Levelland is marking this  
3 significant occasion in his life on May 17, 2019; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of William Edwin Price and Emma Elizabeth  
5 Eskew Price, J. L. Price was born in Magnolia, Arkansas, in 1920;  
6 his family moved to Pettit, Texas, when he was eight years old; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Price worked for the tax assessor before serving  
8 his country as a radarman in the United States Army during World War  
9 II; trained at Fort Bliss and at Fort Callan in California, he was  
10 deployed to the Pacific theater in February 1944; he fought on  
11 Saipan and attained the rank of sergeant; after his discharge, he  
12 returned to his job with the tax assessor and then became a farmer,  
13 growing mostly cotton and maize; today, he continues to grow hay;  
14 and

15 WHEREAS, On May 29, 1948, Mr. Price married the former Selma  
16 Keen, and they became the parents of six children; following her  
17 death in 1987, he was fortunate enough to find love a second time  
18 with the former JoAnn Gresham; with their marriage on September 1,  
19 1989, he welcomed her three children into his treasured family,  
20 which today includes 50 grandchildren and spouses, 53  
21 great-grandchildren, and 4 great-great-grandchildren; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Price contributed to his community through his  
23 service on the boards of the Pettit Co-op Gin and the Lamb County  
24 Electric Cooperative; over the years, he helped local families

1 harvest crops when they suffered a death or illness, and he assisted  
2 Pettit residents in cleaning up tornado damage in 1970; he was also  
3 involved with 4-H, and he was an active member of Pettit Missionary  
4 Baptist Church and College Avenue Baptist Church; and

5 WHEREAS, Over the course of nearly a century, J. L. Price has  
6 not only bravely served his nation but has also met the challenges  
7 and opportunities of a long life with grace and fortitude, and he is  
8 blessed with the deep respect and lasting affection of a host of  
9 loved ones; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby congratulate J. L. Price on the joyous occasion  
12 of his 99th birthday and extend to him sincere best wishes for  
13 continued happiness; and, be it further

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