H.R. No. 522

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived remain to comfort the family and friends of Richard Charles Harris of Waxahachie, who passed away on March 8, 2021, at the age of 88; and

WHEREAS, R. C. Harris was born in Athens, Texas, on October 25, 1932; as a young man, he learned the importance of hard work and integrity, values that would serve him well throughout his life; and

WHEREAS, Over the years, Mr. Harris established many successful businesses; he owned and operated the Harris Tire Company in Athens, several service stations in Dallas, and the H & H Oil Company, one of the nation's premier Exxon fuel distributors; along the way, he served on the board of the Texas Oil Marketers Association, which he led as president from 1994 to 1995; after retiring from the oil business, he pursued a second career as a commercial real estate developer and took pride in bringing a number of hotels and restaurants to the Waxahachie community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harris shared a rewarding marriage that spanned 60 years with Barbara Harris; following her death, he was fortunate enough to find love again and married Mary Anne Harris; he was the devoted father of two sons, Wesley and Steve, a daughter, Nancy, and a stepson, David, and he experienced the joy of becoming a grandfather and great-grandfather many times over; and

WHEREAS, In addition to being blessed with a loving family, Mr. Harris cherished the friendships he made at Farley Street Baptist Church; he also enjoyed hunting and traveling the world, and he especially liked visiting Yellowstone National Park; and

WHEREAS, R. C. Harris lived a life that was rich in personal and professional achievements, and he will forever be remembered with great admiration and affection by all who were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Richard Charles Harris and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Mary Anne Harris; to his children, Wesley Harris, Steve Harris, and Nancy Hollingsworth; to his stepson, David Wells; to his 12 grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of R. C. Harris.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 522 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 9, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House