H.R. No. 802

R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their memories of George Reid Simmons of Waxahachie, who died on January 5, 2021, at the age of 74; and

WHEREAS, George Simmons was born in Roby on February 19, 1946, to Jeff and Alice Simmons, and he grew up with five siblings, Len, Bobby Nell, Tom, Virginia, and Ben; he shared a loving relationship with his wife, Nelda, until her passing, and he was the proud father of three children, James, Michael, and Madeline; and

WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Simmons enlisted in the U.S. Army and served several tours of duty in Vietnam; his numerous medals and commendations included the Purple Heart, the Bronze Good Conduct Medal with five loops, the National Defense Service Medal, the Army Service Ribbon, the Overseas Service Ribbon, the Silver Star Vietnam Service Medal, and the Meritorious Service Medal; he retired from the army after 23 years and embarked on a civilian career with the Texas Department of Corrections and Wackenhut Security; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Simmons was feisty, funny, and affectionate, and he delighted in sharing stories and jokes with his loved ones; he also enjoyed the time he spent fishing and working with motorcycles and hot rods; and

WHEREAS, A devoted family man, a proud veteran, and a true and loyal friend, George Simmons will be deeply missed, and those who held him dear will always remember the generosity and love he brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of George Reid Simmons and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his children, James Fuqua and his wife, Gabi, Michael Reid White, and Madeline Simmons and her husband, John Webb; to his grandchildren, Katy, Lucas, Patrick, and Aubrey Grace; to his sister, Virginia Houchins; to his brother, Ben Simmons; and to his other family members and many 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 George Simmons.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 802 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 30, 2021.

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Chief Clerk of the House