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H.R. No. 522

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 Richard Charles Harris of Waxahachie, who
3 passed away on March 8, 2021, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, R. C. Harris was born in Athens, Texas, on October
5 25, 1932; as a young man, he learned the importance of hard work and
6 integrity, values that would serve him well throughout his life;
7 and

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

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Harris shared a rewarding marriage that spanned
18 60 years with Barbara Harris; following her death, he was fortunate
19 enough to find love again and married Mary Anne Harris; he was the
20 devoted father of two sons, Wesley and Steve, a daughter, Nancy, and
21 a stepson, David, and he experienced the joy of becoming a
22 grandfather and great-grandfather many times over; and

23 WHEREAS, In addition to being blessed with a loving family,
24 Mr. Harris cherished the friendships he made at Farley Street

1 Baptist Church; he also enjoyed hunting and traveling the world,
2 and he especially liked visiting Yellowstone National Park; and

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

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

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