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H.R. No. 802

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will forever treasure their  
2 memories of George Reid Simmons of Waxahachie, who died on January  
3 5, 2021, at the age of 74; and

4 WHEREAS, George Simmons was born in Roby on February 19,  
5 1946, to Jeff and Alice Simmons, and he grew up with five siblings,  
6 Len, Bobby Nell, Tom, Virginia, and Ben; he shared a loving  
7 relationship with his wife, Nelda, until her passing, and he was the  
8 proud father of three children, James, Michael, and Madeline; and

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

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

22 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, a proud veteran, and a true and  
23 loyal friend, George Simmons will be deeply missed, and those who  
24 held him dear will always remember the generosity and love he

1 brought into their lives; now, therefore, be it

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

10       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of George  
13 Simmons.