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H.R. No. 56

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of William
2 Henderson Bowlin, a proud veteran of the U.S. Army, who passed away
3 on September 29, 2023, at the age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Hazel Mabel Pickering Bowlin and
5 Henderson Wakefield Bowlin, William Bowlin was born in Worth
6 County, Missouri, on July 30, 1930, and grew up on the family farm
7 with a sister, Betty; he completed his bachelor's degree in civil
8 engineering at Missouri University of Science and
9 Technology-Rolla; on August 8, 1951, he married the former Cora Mae
10 Stabe, and they eventually became the parents of five children,
11 Stephanie, Stanley, Suzanne, Sandra, and Sonya; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowlin served in the army from 1952 to 1954; he
13 trained at Fort Lewis in Washington and then helped France rebuild
14 its infrastructure; while living in the country, he and his wife
15 formed many lasting friendships; he held the rank of first
16 lieutenant and earned the National Defense Service Medal; and

17 WHEREAS, During the late 1950s, the Bowlins lived in Dallas;
18 Mr. Bowlin worked as a civil engineer and then followed his dream of
19 entrepreneurship, establishing a commercial insulation business;
20 an early adopter of technology, he purchased one of the first
21 personal computers, a Radio Shack TRS-80, and he learned to write
22 code that he used in his business; he owned 22 personal computers
23 over the years; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Bowlin was a humble, hardworking man; deeply

1 devoted to his family, he loved reunions and other gatherings; in
2 addition, he enjoyed genealogy research, and he was able to trace
3 both his and his wife's roots back to the 1500s; Mrs. Bowlin passed
4 away in 2019, and his daughter, Suzanne, became his primary
5 caregiver; and

6 WHEREAS, Although William Bowlin is sadly missed by his
7 friends and loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy that will long be
8 treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
10 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
11 William Henderson Bowlin and extend sincere sympathy to the members
12 of his family: to his children, Stephanie Miller, Stanley Bowlin
13 and his wife, Cheryl, Suzanne Bowlin, Sandra Luckcuck and her
14 husband, Alan, and Sonya Downs and her husband, Bill; to his
15 grandchildren and their spouses, David and Mary Miller, Max Miller,
16 Kyle Downs, Matthew and Shelby Downs, Rachel Luckcuck, Lexie
17 Luckcuck, and Skyler Bowlin; and to his other relatives and
18 friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family.