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S.R. No. 158

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Guy Newell Harrison of Longview on August 4, 2024, at the  
3 age of 77; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Guy and Margaret Harrison, Guy Harrison  
5 was born in Longview on December 14, 1946, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of a brother, Kim, and twin sister, Gay; after  
7 graduating from Southern Methodist University, he joined the U.S.  
8 Army and served in the First Cavalry Division in Vietnam; in 1974,  
9 he earned his juris doctor degree from the Dedman School of Law at  
10 SMU, where he became a member of Phi Delta Phi and the Order of  
11 Barristers; and

12           WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison enjoyed a rewarding career as an  
13 attorney that spanned more than five decades; a distinguished  
14 leader in his profession, he served on the board of directors of the  
15 State Bar of Texas for six years; he was selected by his fellow  
16 board members to serve as chair for the 1999-2000 term, and he later  
17 won election as president for the 2002-2003 term; he was also a  
18 member of the House of Delegates of the American Bar Association for  
19 six years, and in 2002, he became an inaugural member of the Texas  
20 Access to Justice Commission, which he served for three years; in  
21 addition, he was a life fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, and he  
22 served on the foundation's board for six years; in 2009, he was  
23 appointed to the State Bar of Texas Commission for Lawyer  
24 Discipline, which he chaired for two years; and

1           WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Harrison was a member  
2 of his local YMCA's board of directors, which he also chaired, and  
3 he served on the national board for YMCA-USA; his other memberships  
4 on civic boards included those for The Crisman School for children  
5 with learning disabilities, which he chaired for two years, and the  
6 Good Shepherd Medical Foundation; moreover, he was a member of the  
7 Longview First United Methodist Church board of trustees, and he  
8 was a proud member and teacher of the church's Henry Foster Sunday  
9 school class; and

10           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Harrison benefited from  
11 the love and support of his wife of 55 years, Lucinda; he was a  
12 devoted father to his son, Parker, and his children, Worth and Beau,  
13 who preceded their father in death; over the years, his treasured  
14 family grew to include two grandchildren, Rainy and Tate, and three  
15 great-grandchildren, Ivy, Willow, and McKinley Mae; and

16           WHEREAS, Although Guy Harrison is deeply missed, memories of  
17 his integrity and his devotion to his family remain to comfort and  
18 inspire those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature  
20 hereby pay tribute to the life of Guy Newell Harrison and extend  
21 heartfelt sympathy to his loved ones; and, be it further

22           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this  
24 day, it do so in memory of Guy Harrison.