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H.R. No. 14

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Emil Habecker III of Comfort passed away on December
2 13, 2007, at the age of 78, leaving his family and friends with many
3 treasured memories of time spent in his company; and

4 WHEREAS, Born into a Kerr County family, Emil Habecker was a
5 navy equipment specialist as well as a diver for the Scripps
6 Institution of Oceanography at the University of California at San
7 Diego, one of the oldest, largest, and most prestigious centers for
8 marine science research, graduate training, and public service in
9 the world; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Habecker's friendship with other early divers
11 led to his participation in the San Diego Bottom Scratchers Club,
12 reportedly the oldest free-diving club in the United States;
13 organized in 1933, the Bottom Scratchers acquired their name from
14 their practice of "scratching" the ocean floor in search of food
15 during the Great Depression; the divers were pioneers in developing
16 and refining equipment for spearfishing and sport diving, both of
17 which were in their infancy at that time; and

18 WHEREAS, In the late 1950s, Mr. Habecker was invited to join a
19 group of Scripps graduate students/alumni and associates who had
20 formed a corporation named Scientific Diving Consultants, Inc., for
21 the purpose of studying sea life; in 1959, the corporation opened
22 the Diving Locker, a San Diego dive shop; during his years in
23 California he was also affiliated with the San Diego Underwater
24 Photographic Society; and

1 WHEREAS, After returning to live in the Texas Hill Country,
2 Mr. Habecker became involved in the Comfort Lions Club and the
3 Comfort Athletic Booster Club, which now awards a \$1,000 Emil
4 Habecker Scholarship in honor of this esteemed gentleman; and

5 WHEREAS, With his beloved wife, Marcia, Mr. Habecker shared a
6 fulfilling marriage that was further enriched with the addition of
7 two children and a grandchild; and

8 WHEREAS, Emil Habecker lived a caring and purposeful life,
9 and he is greatly missed by all who had the good fortune to know him;
10 now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
12 Legislature hereby honor the memory of Emil Habecker III and extend
13 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Marcia
14 Anderson Habecker; to his daughter, Cheryle Habecker Sackett, and
15 her husband, Vernon Barnard; to his son, Ron Habecker; to his
16 stepsiblings, Madeline Behal, Frank Habecker, and Max Habecker and
17 his wife, Alma; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
18 further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
21 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Emil
22 Habecker III.