

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The people of Texas lost an exemplary public servant  
2 and a universally beloved member of the house of representatives  
3 with the passing of the Honorable Edmund Kuempel of Seguin on  
4 November 4, 2010, at the age of 67; and

5           WHEREAS, Representative Kuempel was born in Austin on  
6 November 29, 1942, and graduated from Austin High School; after  
7 earning a degree in business from Texas Lutheran College in 1964, he  
8 went to work for Structural Metals, now CMC Steel Texas, in Seguin,  
9 where he spent his entire career; and

10           WHEREAS, In 1982, Edmund Kuempel won the first of 15  
11 consecutive terms in the house of representatives; enormously  
12 popular in his district, he frequently ran unopposed in the general  
13 election; at the statehouse, he quickly gained the respect of his  
14 colleagues, securing an appointment to the Ways and Means Committee  
15 during his freshman term and the Appropriations Committee during  
16 his second; at the time of his passing, he was the third most senior  
17 member of the house, chair of the Licensing and Administrative  
18 Procedures Committee, and a senior member of the Calendars and  
19 Culture, Recreation, and Tourism Committees; he had previously  
20 chaired the Committees on Retirement and Aging, State Recreational  
21 Resources, and House Administration; in the latter capacity, he  
22 helped to oversee extensive restoration of the Capitol and the  
23 construction of the underground Capitol Extension; and

24           WHEREAS, A tireless champion of his constituents' interests,

1 Representative Kuempel also supported the development of the  
2 state's parks and recreation areas, played a vital role in shaping  
3 and passing environmental regulations, and was similarly  
4 instrumental in crafting and shepherding legislation relating to  
5 state, teacher, municipal, and county retirement funds; and

6       WHEREAS, Throughout his 28 years in the house of  
7 representatives, Edmund Kuempel consistently reflected the  
8 greatest honor on that chamber; selfless, hardworking, and  
9 scrupulously honest, he also had a boundless capacity for  
10 friendship, one that was never constrained by differences of  
11 opinion or of party affiliation; Edmund Kuempel simply loved  
12 people, and he treated every single individual he encountered with  
13 unfailing graciousness and good cheer; his warm smile and jovial  
14 nature were legendary, as were his infinite kindness and  
15 generosity; those qualities engendered tremendous respect and  
16 affection and enabled him to build the kind of bridges between  
17 political camps that foster good governance; and

18       WHEREAS, Among the host of accolades bestowed on  
19 Representative Kuempel were the John Traeger Award from the Texas  
20 Municipal Retirement System, Man of the Year Award from the Texas  
21 County Agricultural Agents Association, Career Achievement Award  
22 and Legislative Leadership Award from the Texas Chamber of  
23 Commerce, and Leader of Excellence Award from the Free Market  
24 Committee; Texas Lutheran University conferred on him its  
25 Distinguished Service Award and inducted him into its Athletics  
26 Leadership Wall of Honor Class of 2009; and

27       WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan remained deeply engaged in the

1 life of his district, where his myriad activities included speaking  
2 at community functions and wielding the auctioneer's gavel at  
3 fund-raising events for worthy causes; together with his wife,  
4 Roberta "Birdie" Blumberg Kuempel, he was an active and valued  
5 member of Faith Lutheran Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Representative Edmund Kuempel was the genuine  
7 article, a gentleman and statesman in every sense of those words,  
8 and his colleagues in the house of representatives will forever  
9 remember his joyous spirit and his unwavering devotion to the Lone  
10 Star State; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas  
12 hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Edmund Kuempel and  
13 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
14 wife, Roberta "Birdie" Kuempel; to his daughter and son-in-law,  
15 Margaret and Walter Brady; to his son and daughter-in-law, John and  
16 Michelle Kuempel; to his grandchildren, Rose Brady and Will and Sam  
17 Kuempel; to his father, Henry Kuempel; to his brother and  
18 sister-in-law, Robert and Jamie Kuempel; to his aunt, Marilyn  
19 Kuempel Smith; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be  
20 it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
24 the Honorable Edmund Kuempel.

Thompson	Geren
Aliseda	Allen
Alonzo	Alvarado
Anchia	Anderson of McLennan
Anderson of Dallas	Aycock

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Darby	J. Davis of Harris
S. Davis of Harris	Davis of Dallas
Deshotel	Driver
Dukes	Dutton
Eiland	Eissler
Elkins	Farias
Farrar	Fletcher
Flynn	Frullo
Gallego	Garza
Giddings	Gonzales of Williamson
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Gonzalez
Gooden	Guillen
Gutierrez	Hamilton
Hancock	Hardcastle
Harless	Harper-Brown
Hartnett	Hernandez Luna
Hilderbran	Hochberg
Hopson	Howard of Fort Bend
Howard of Travis	Huberty
Hughes	Hunter
Isaac	Jackson
Johnson	Keffer
King of Parker	King of Taylor
King of Zavala	Kleinschmidt
Kolkhorst	Kuempel
Landtroop	Larson
Laubenberg	Lavender
Legler	Lewis
Lozano	Lucio III
Lyne	Madden
Mallory Caraway	Margo
Marquez	Martinez Fischer
Martinez	McClendon
Menendez	Miles
Miller of Comal	Miller of Erath
Morrison	Munoz, Jr.
Murphy	Naishtat
Nash	Oliveira
Orr	Otto
Parker	Patrick
Paxton	Pena
Perry	Phillips
Pickett	Pitts
Price	Quintanilla

Raymond  
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Shelton  
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Smithee  
Strama  
Taylor of Galveston  
Torres  
Turner  
Villarreal  
Walle  
White  
Workman  
Zerwas

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Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 126 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 27, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 126 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 29, 2011.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor