In Memory of

Honorable W. W. Turney

Mr. Isaacks offered the following resolution:


Whereas, On the 23rd day of March, 1939, the Honorable W. W. Turney of El Paso, one of Texas' noblemen, departed this life; and

Whereas, He was one of Texas' leading citizens, and for more than fifty-three years a citizen of the extreme western portion of Texas where he was one of the leaders in all of the more noble phases of human endeavor. He was born in Harrison County nearly seventy-eight (78) years ago, and graduated from one of Texas' leading institutions, Sam Houston Normal Institute, and in 1886 removed to Fort Davis, and began work in his then chosen profession, that is, teaching in the public schools. He soon began the study of law, the profession he had practiced at the time of his death for more than fifty years, and in which profession he soon became a leader, not only of West Texas but of the entire State, and was active in his profession until a few days before his death; and

Whereas, The Honorable W. W. Turney was a former Member of the House of Representatives of Texas during the Twenty-third and Twenty-fourth Legislatures. During his first term, he was a citizen of Alpine, and during his second term, a citizen of El Paso; he was also a Member of the Twenty-fifth, Twenty-sixth and Twenty-seventh Legislatures, representing the Twenty-fifth Senatorial District, with his residence in the City of El Paso, and as a Representative and Senator, he achieved much prominence on account of his firm stand for and able presentation of constitutional and democratic principles of government; and

Whereas, His activities were not limited to his professional or political life, but he was a great leader in all civic matters concerning the welfare of the State, and especially of the extreme western portion thereof, having been actively engaged nearly all of his life in West Texas' leading industry of cattle raising, having served as two terms as President of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, now the Texas Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, and one term as Vice President of the American Live Stock Association; and in addition to his personal activities, he always either headed or became active in each movement for the promotion of all civic and worthwhile religious movements in his community, having been almost a life member of the Methodist Church, and for many years active in its counsels; and

Whereas, The Members of the House of Representatives today wish to offer some expression of regret and profound sorrow at the passing of this outstanding, worthy citizen and statesman, and it behooves them to survey the life history of this departed Member of both Houses of this Legislature; and

Whereas, He has given to his surviving family a heritage of which they may be justly proud, and to the citizenship of the State of Texas a public service that may well be emulated by us today, and a career graven on the hopes and hearts of his fellowmen; and

Whereas, Senator Turney himself, during the nearly seventy-eight years of his life, by his sterling citizenship and sound statesmanship, has
erected to his own memory a monument enshrined on the hearts and lives of those souls whom he so lavishly gave his life; now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the House of Representatives, That a page of the House Journal of this day be dedicated to the memory of the Honorable W. W. Turney, and as a tribute to a man who brought honor in the faithful service he has rendered his State at all times; and, be it further

Resolved, That the Chief Clerk of the House of Representatives send to Mrs. Iva Guthrie Turney, wife of the deceased, with whom he had lived and labored for almost half a century, a copy of this resolution, under the seal of the House of Representatives, and when this House adjourns today, it do so in honor and respect accorded to the life, works and faith of the Honorable W. W. Turney.

ISAACKS,
BRIDGERS.

The resolution was read second time.


On motion of Mr. Leyendecker, the names of all the Members of the House were added to the resolution as signers thereof.

The resolution was unanimously adopted.