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H.R. No. 1083

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Leonard F. LaNoue of Houston on March 28, 2020, at the
3 age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 13, 1925, Leonard LaNoue grew up with
5 three sisters, Lorraine, Marjorie, and Marie, in Kankakee,
6 Illinois, during the Great Depression; answering his nation's call
7 to duty, he served as a member of the U.S. 58th Naval Construction
8 Battalion in the Pacific theater during World War II; and

9 WHEREAS, After returning home to Kankakee, Mr. LaNoue met and
10 married his first wife, Veronica, and over the course of more than
11 four decades together, they raised her daughter, Sheila, and two
12 children of their own, Michele and Marc; after that marriage ended,
13 he wed Paulina Del Rio, and they shared many world travels in the
14 course of a rewarding union that spanned 20 years until her passing;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. LaNoue began his career as a salesman with the
17 DoALL Company, where he quickly rose through the ranks to serve as
18 president of DoALL Manufacturing in Minneapolis; along the way,
19 while working full-time, he earned an MBA from the University of
20 Chicago; he moved to Houston following his retirement and founded
21 two successful businesses, Metal Cutting Specialists and Abrasive
22 Water Jets; nearly 25 years later, he sold his companies and
23 assisted his daughter and son-in-law in adding manufacturing to
24 their own business; and

1 WHEREAS, Admired for his charming personality, strong work
2 ethic, and positive attitude, Leonard LaNoue was a source of
3 inspiration to all who knew him, and he leaves behind a record of
4 service that his loved ones can remember with pride; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Leonard F. LaNoue
8 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
9 daughter, Michele; to his son-in-law, Gerald; to his granddaughter,
10 Nathalie; to his brother-in-law, Ernie; to his stepdaughter,
11 Sheila; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
12 further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leonard
16 LaNoue.