

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 Henry Seu Heaum Gee on November 5, 2022, at the age of 98;
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4 WHEREAS, The son of Bock Jew Gee and Suey Kim Mah, Henry Gee
5 was born in Kaiping County, Guangdong Province, China, on
6 February 20, 1924, and he grew up with three siblings, John,
7 George, and Shau; at the age of 16, he immigrated with his father to
8 the United States; he pursued his education in Houston and San
9 Francisco, and in 1942, he was recruited by the U.S. Merchant Marine
10 Academy; he subsequently enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and in 1945, he
11 was transferred to China to serve on the USS *Estes*; and

12 WHEREAS, Returning to the United States, Mr. Gee studied
13 civil engineering at The University of Texas at Austin, and he went
14 on to become the first Chinese engineer of the Texas Highway
15 Department; he next worked for Brown & Root, where he distinguished
16 himself by designing the roads for what would become the Johnson
17 Space Center campus in Clear Lake City; after retiring from a
18 25-year career with the firm, he spent several years in sales with
19 Metropolitan Life Insurance Company; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Gee shared a rewarding marriage of nearly seven
21 decades with his wife, the former Wing Suet Leung, with whom he
22 helped establish the Institute of Chinese Culture in Houston in
23 1970; a pillar of his community, he was president of the Chinese
24 Professional Club and the Association of Chinese Organizations, and

1 he was actively involved with the Gee Family Association; he also
2 played an instrumental role in raising funds for the construction
3 of a new school in the Gee family village in China; over the years,
4 he was honored by a number of civic organizations and government
5 agencies, including the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs and the
6 Overseas Committee of the Republic of China; and

7 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Gee took tremendous pride
8 in his three children, Juanna, Jennifer, and Julia, his four
9 grandchildren, Leslie, Laura, Lisa, and Christopher, and his
10 great-grandson, Theodore; his interests included photography and
11 travel, and he and his wife took numerous trips to the Far East,
12 Europe, and the Middle East; and

13 WHEREAS, While the death of Henry Gee brings great sadness to
14 his loved ones, he leaves behind a legacy that will long be
15 treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Henry Seu Heaum Gee
18 and extend sincere condolences to his relatives and friends; and,
19 be it further

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

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H.R. No. 49

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 49 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 21, 2023.

Chief Clerk of the House