

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life lived with joy and purpose drew to a close  
2 with the passing of Gene Graham on March 19, 2023, at the age of 90;  
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4           WHEREAS, The son of Talbert Edgar Graham and Jessie Vivian  
5 McDaniel, Gene Graham was born in Raymondville on January 19, 1933;  
6 he graduated from Raymondville High School in 1950 and earned a  
7 degree in civil engineering from Texas A&M University; answering  
8 his nation's call to duty, he joined the United States Army, where  
9 he served as a tank commander and rose to the rank of captain before  
10 being honorably discharged; and

11           WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Graham worked for  
12 the Texas Highway Department in South Texas and for the Heldenfels  
13 Brothers Construction Company in Corpus Christi; he later moved to  
14 North Padre Island and became president of Padre Isles Investment  
15 Corporation, where he played an instrumental role in building the  
16 Padre Isles Country Club; he went on to establish his own  
17 construction company and worked as a real estate broker and land  
18 developer, helping create several subdivisions in the Flour Bluff  
19 and Chapman Ranch areas of Corpus Christi; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Graham and his wife, Veda, shared a fulfilling  
21 union that spanned more than half a century before her passing in  
22 2010; they became the parents of two children, Gary and Gail, as  
23 well as a "bonus son," Alex, and the family later grew to include  
24 numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren; in all his

1 endeavors, Mr. Graham drew strength from his Christian beliefs, and  
2 he made use of his engaging sense of humor and his gifts as a  
3 storyteller to share his message of faith; and

4 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Gene Graham  
5 will remember the way he touched their lives with his generosity and  
6 charm, and he will forever hold a treasured place in their hearts;  
7 now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Gene Graham and  
10 extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his family: to his  
11 children, Gary Graham and his wife, Rachelle, and Gail Blair and her  
12 husband, Howard; to his grandchildren, Trent Pruett and his wife,  
13 Elise, Cody Blair and his wife, DeAnna, Kari Jacobs and her husband,  
14 Paul, Shari Graham, Tyler Pruett, Mari Heckroth and her husband,  
15 Keith, and Grace Graham; to his great-grandchildren; and to his  
16 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gene  
20 Graham.

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H.R. No. 1152

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1152 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 28, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House