

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to  
2 a close with the passing of Arch Hartwell Aplin Jr. on  
3 April 26, 2023, at the age of 97; and

4           WHEREAS, Arch Aplin was born in Harrisonburg, Louisiana, on  
5 July 31, 1925, to Arch and Mae Aplin, and he grew up with five  
6 siblings, Marvin, Morris, Jimmy, William, and Onita; answering his  
7 nation's call to duty, he joined the U.S. Navy at the age of 16, and  
8 he served aboard the USS *Wichita* during World War II, seeing combat  
9 in both the European and Pacific Theaters; and

10           WHEREAS, Following the war, Mr. Aplin earned a master's  
11 degree from Stephen F. Austin State University and moved to  
12 Brazoria County, where he embarked on a long and rewarding career as  
13 a teacher and basketball coach at Clute Intermediate School; he  
14 later transitioned into residential construction and real estate  
15 development, and he built many homes in the Lake Jackson community,  
16 including in the Sleepy Hollow and Oyster Bend subdivisions; he was  
17 still planning construction projects in his final days; he was a  
18 longtime member of the First National Bank of Lake Jackson board of  
19 directors; and

20           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Aplin benefited from the  
21 love and support of his partner, Mildred Hunt; he was the proud  
22 father of five children, Beaver, Reginald, Wayne, Michele, and  
23 Ollamae, and he experienced the joy of welcoming eight  
24 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren into his family; in

1 addition to spending time with his loved ones, he enjoyed fishing,  
2 traveling, and watching the sun set at Surfside Beach; and

3 WHEREAS, Although Arch Aplin is deeply missed, memories of  
4 his kindness, his generosity, and his passion for life remain to  
5 comfort and inspire those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 88th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Arch Hartwell Aplin  
8 Jr. and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to  
9 his partner, Mildred Hunt; to his sons, Arch "Beaver" Aplin III and  
10 his wife, Joanie, and Reginald Joseph Aplin and his wife, Phyllis;  
11 to his grandchildren, Ron Hidalgo, Nicole LeBoeuf, Joshua  
12 Dickerson, Anne-Elizabeth Brown, Katherine Aplin, Arch Hartwell  
13 "Hart" Aplin IV, Beau Aaron Aplin, and Cole Ryan Aplin; to his  
14 great-grandchildren, Kaiden Funderburg and Trystyn Ingram; and to  
15 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

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H.R. No. 2408

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2408 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 29, 2023.

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Chief Clerk of the House