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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.