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H.R. No. 28

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Adlai Travis Mast, Jr., of Nacogdoches, died on
2 December 4, 2002, at the age of 81, and his passing has deeply
3 saddened his family and many friends throughout the community; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Mast was born on January 14, 1921, in
5 Nacogdoches; he acquired his early education from local schools,
6 Riverside Military Academy in Georgia and Florida, and Episcopal
7 High School in Alexandria, Virginia; he then studied at Stephen F.
8 Austin State University and The University of Texas at Austin,
9 where he belonged to the Sigma Nu fraternity, and he also served as
10 a pilot with the British Royal Air Force and the United States Army
11 Air Corps; and

12 WHEREAS, A rancher in Texas and New Mexico, Mr. Mast
13 contributed his time and energy to a wide spectrum of professional
14 entities; he was president of the Fredonia Hotel and Convention
15 Center Corporation, Piney Woods Architectural Preservation, Inc.,
16 the Nacogdoches Farm and Ranch Association, and the Nacogdoches
17 Horse Show Association, and served as director of Regions-Stone
18 Fort Bank and Trawick Royalty Owners; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Mast, a fourth-generation East Texan, showed a
20 deep commitment to his hometown through his dedication to
21 preserving historic Nacogdoches; his efforts resulted in the
22 restoration of the Cotton Exchange Building, the Mayer-Schmidt
23 Building, and the Jones House on Church Street; and

24 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan also faithfully supported

1 Stephen F. Austin State University; he was a member of the advisory
2 board for the SFA Pineywoods Native Plant Center and established
3 the SFA Mast Arboretum; and

4 WHEREAS, Numerous young people benefited from his guidance
5 as a Boy Scout troop leader and from his experienced leadership as a
6 member of the board of trustees of St. Stephen's Episcopal School in
7 Austin; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Mast was a devout congregant of Christ Episcopal
9 Church; he served as a vestryman and Sunday school teacher and led
10 initiatives to create an addition to the church building and to
11 install a pipe organ; and

12 WHEREAS, In recognition of his valuable contributions to his
13 community, Mr. Mast was honored as Nacogdoches Chamber of Commerce
14 Citizen of the Year and was named one of the four most influential
15 people in Nacogdoches and Angelina counties; and

16 WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Mr. Mast lived his
17 life motivated by a sense of responsibility to his family, church,
18 and community; he made a positive difference in the lives of his
19 fellow citizens, and his absence is widely mourned; now, therefore,
20 be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Adlai Travis Mast,
23 Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
24 his wife, Patricia Roberdeau Mast; to his children and their
25 spouses, Travis and Lupe Mast III, Tricia and Kenn George, and John
26 and Karen Mast; to his grandchildren, Sidney, Helen, Adlai,
27 Margaret, Kenneth, Patrick, Clement, Elizabeth, Horace, and

1 Joseph; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
2 further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
5 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Adlai
6 Travis Mast, Jr.