By: Pitts H.R. No. 48

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Richard Blevins of 2 Waxahachie were profoundly saddened when this esteemed gentleman 3 passed away on January 12, 2003, at the age of 72; and

WHEREAS, Born on May 1, 1930, Mr. Blevins obtained his early education in Waxahachie and graduated from high school in 1947; he then studied at Rice University, Southwestern University, Southern Methodist University, and The University of Texas, ultimately earning a master's degree in business administration; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Blevins, a member of the Naval ROTC while attending Rice University, answered his country's call to military duty during the Korean War; he was stationed in Anchorage, Alaska, and attained the rank of staff sergeant in the Air Force; and

WHEREAS, In the 1960s, Mr. Blevins began his 32-year career as a program manager with LTV/Northrop Grumman; he was well respected in his field and counted as one of his greatest career achievements the planning and construction of Crestview Nursing Home in Bryan; and

WHEREAS, A devout member of the First United Methodist Church for many years and, more recently, the Waxahachie Bible Church, Mr. Blevins shared his faith with others as a prison chaplain, Sunday school teacher, and mentor; and

WHEREAS, Throughout his lifetime, Richard Blevins worked tirelessly to serve his faith, family, and community; though his absence is widely mourned, his spirit will continue to live in the

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- 1 hearts of those individuals who were fortunate enough to have known
- 2 him; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard Blevins and
- 5 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife
- of 52 years, Jane Blevins; to his three children and their spouses,
- 7 Steve and Karen Blevins, Phil and Lori Blevins, and Lisa and Scott
- 8 Crouch; to his grandchildren, Ami and Jay Trull, Kelsi and Kevin
- 9 Crouch, and Mason, Stefanie, Ashley, and Ali Blevins; to his
- 10 step-grandchildren, Aaron and Lucas Anderson; to his brother, Carl
- 11 Blevins, and his wife, Evelyn; to his sister, Evelyn Claunch; to his
- 12 nieces and nephews; and to his other relatives and numerous
- 13 friends; and, be it further
- 14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 15 prepared for the members of his family, and that when the Texas
- 16 House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of
- 17 Richard Blevins.