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H.R. No. 101

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a distinguished native son
2 with the passing of the Honorable Maury Maverick, Jr., on January
3 28, 2003, at the age of 82; and

4 WHEREAS, After graduating from the Texas Military Institute
5 in 1938, Mr. Maverick joined the U.S. Marines and served his country
6 during World War II in the Pacific theater; his higher education
7 included a bachelor's degree in economics from The University of
8 Texas and a law degree from St. Mary's University; and

9 WHEREAS, Following in the footsteps of his father, who was a
10 United States representative and mayor of San Antonio, Mr. Maverick
11 entered the political arena and won a seat in the Texas House of
12 Representatives; as a member of that distinguished body from 1950
13 to 1956, he consistently took principled stands against Red-baiting
14 and discriminatory legislation, and he helped derail a bill that
15 would have imposed the death penalty on convicted Communists; and

16 WHEREAS, He then turned his seemingly limitless energy to his
17 legal practice, undertaking many cases relating to civil rights law
18 and tirelessly representing the downtrodden and the disadvantaged;
19 in 1964 he successfully argued a case before the United States
20 Supreme Court, overturning the arrest of a San Antonio man for the
21 possession of supposedly seditious papers that included the works
22 of Karl Marx and Jean-Paul Sartre; and

23 WHEREAS, Mr. Maverick's notable legal expertise was matched
24 by his exceptional generosity; in recognition of his work on more

1 than 300 pro bono cases during his career, he was chosen to receive
2 the prestigious John Minor Wisdom Public Interest and Professional
3 Award by the American Bar Association in 1991; and

4 WHEREAS, Also a gifted writer, he began a long association
5 with the *San Antonio Express-News* in 1980, and his popular and
6 provoking columns graced that publication's pages for over two
7 decades; and

8 WHEREAS, To his varied roles as an attorney, public servant,
9 and columnist, Mr. Maverick brought an unshakeable commitment to
10 serving the needs of those whose voices so often go unheard; the
11 qualities of courage, tenacity, and wit that were ever-present in
12 his life are virtues admired by all Texans, and his legacy of
13 achievement will benefit residents of our state for generations to
14 come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
16 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of the Honorable
17 Maury Maverick, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
18 his family: to his wife, Julia Maverick; to his sister, Terrellita
19 Maverick; and to the many other relatives, friends, and admirers of
20 this beloved Texas icon; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
23 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Maury
24 Maverick, Jr.