

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Robert Edward Hall of Eastland is celebrating his
2 80th birthday, and this special occasion provides an opportunity to
3 recognize this gentleman's distinguished service to his country
4 during World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Sylvester on April 13, 1923, Mr. Hall
6 answered his country's call to duty and joined the U.S. Army on
7 February 25, 1943; a member of the 18th Corp, 1st Army, 552nd AAA
8 Battalion, D Battery, he swiftly earned the rank of Tech 5 and
9 received training as a switchboard operator and marksman in
10 addition to his coast artillery basic training; and

11 WHEREAS, Serving under the prestigious commands of General
12 George Patton and General Omar Bradley, Mr. Hall ran communication
13 lines for Allied Forces and served in the Battle of Normandy as well
14 as the battles of Northern France, Ardennes, Rhineland, and Central
15 Unit; he earned the American Theatre Campaign Medal, the Good
16 Conduct Medal, the Eame Campaign Medal with five Bronze Stars, and
17 the WWII Victory Medal; and

18 WHEREAS, After valiantly serving his country Mr. Hall was one
19 of 5,500 U.S. service personnel who returned home from the war via
20 luxury liner, and on December 9, 1945, he was honorably discharged
21 at Camp Fannin, Texas; and

22 WHEREAS, On January 27, 1947, Mr. Hall married the former
23 Frances Laverne Richardson; for the past 56 years they have filled
24 each other's lives with many happy times and cherished family

1 memories, and their enduring union has been blessed with two
2 daughters and five grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Hall is a courageous Texan whose bravery and
4 strong sense of duty reflect a deep commitment to his country and to
5 his fellow citizens; his service and sacrifice, which have made the
6 world a better place for generations to come, will not be forgotten
7 by those for whom he fought; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
9 Legislature hereby congratulate Robert Edward Hall on the joyous
10 occasion of his 80th birthday and extend to him warmest best wishes
11 for continued happiness; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Hall as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

Keffer of Eastland

H.R. No. 736

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 736 was adopted by the House on April 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House