

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Katy lost a beloved neighbor and friend
2 with the passing of Jim Di Iorio on March 29, 2003, at the age of 89;
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4 WHEREAS, Mr. Di Iorio was born in Hempstead on January 24,
5 1914, and graduated from Hempstead High School, where he was on the
6 school's first football team, which is remembered for losing a game
7 by the score of 106 to 6; despite this association, he attended Sam
8 Houston State Teachers College on a football scholarship and earned
9 degrees in math and physical education; and

10 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan began his career as a teacher
11 and football coach at the School for the Deaf in Austin; he was in
12 the reserves at the beginning of World War II and left his teaching
13 post to serve some five years in the United States Army; he landed
14 on Normandy beach the day after D-Day; and

15 WHEREAS, Upon his return from military service, Mr. Di Iorio
16 joined the staff of Humble Oil and Refinery in Katy, where he worked
17 for 34 years as a lab chemist; and

18 WHEREAS, An avid duck and goose hunter, Mr. Di Iorio gave
19 generously of his time and talents in behalf of the Boy and Girl
20 Scouts and Katy Christian Ministries food pantry; he was a founding
21 member of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Katy and the first post
22 commander for the Floyd E. Breedlove VFW Post No. 9182; and

23 WHEREAS, Jim Di Iorio was a man of integrity, dedication, and
24 strong faith, and while he will be greatly missed, his memory will

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1 live on in the hearts and minds of the many people whose lives he
2 touched; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jim Di Iorio and
5 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of
6 nearly 55 years, Margaret; to his son, Dr. Pat Di Iorio and his
7 wife, Beth; to his grandchildren, Lauren Fenhaus and her husband,
8 Joshua, Louis Landry and his wife, Andrea, Rick Landry and his wife,
9 Christie, and Nicholas Di Iorio; to his sister, Pauline Younger; to
10 his sister-in-law, Margerite Di Iorio; and to his other relatives
11 and many friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jim Di
15 Iorio.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 884 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 23, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House