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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, For nearly a quarter-century, the Honorable Ralph M.  
2 Hall of the U.S. House of Representatives has ably served his  
3 constituents in the Fourth Congressional District, and the members  
4 of this chamber are proud to join with the citizens of the Lone Star  
5 State in paying tribute to this accomplished public servant; and

6           WHEREAS, Born in Rockwall County on May 3, 1923, Congressman  
7 Hall answered his country's call to arms in 1942, enlisting in the  
8 United States Navy to serve as an aircraft carrier pilot during  
9 World War II; on his return to civilian life, he attended college at  
10 The University of Texas at Austin and at Texas Christian University  
11 and earned a bachelor of laws degree from Southern Methodist  
12 University; and

13           WHEREAS, In 1950 this outstanding Texan held public office  
14 for the first time as the county judge of Rockwall County, leaving  
15 in 1962 to take his oath of office as a new member of the Texas  
16 Senate; he served in that capacity with great distinction for the  
17 next 10 years, holding the position of president pro tempore during  
18 one of his terms; and

19           WHEREAS, Following his departure from the Texas Legislature  
20 in 1972, he turned his attention to the private sector; he is the  
21 former president and CEO of Texas Aluminum Corporation and, from  
22 1970 to 1974, served as special counsel to the Howmet Corporation;  
23 he is also a founding member and former chairman of Lakeside  
24 National Bank in Rockwall; and

1           WHEREAS, With his extensive expertise in law, public service,  
2 and business, the Honorable Ralph Hall was elected to the United  
3 States House of Representatives in 1980; a longtime member of the  
4 Committee on Energy and Commerce, he played a key role in the  
5 passage of the Clean Air Act and has, over the years, shown himself  
6 to be an ardent advocate for our state's oil and gas industries; and

7           WHEREAS, Congressman Hall is the former chairman of the  
8 Subcommittee on Space and Aeronautics and a current member of the  
9 Committee on Science who has strongly supported the International  
10 Space Station and NASA's continuing space exploration efforts;  
11 veterans of the United States armed forces could ask for no greater  
12 friend than this former naval lieutenant, and his fiscal  
13 conservatism is well-known throughout Washington, D.C., leading  
14 him in 1995 to sign on as one of the original sponsors of the  
15 Balanced Budget Amendment; and

16           WHEREAS, This dedicated leader has an impressive record of  
17 service in behalf of the people of Texas, and indeed of the entire  
18 nation, and it is a privilege and an honor to recognize his many  
19 remarkable achievements; now, therefore, be it

20           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
21 Legislature hereby commend the countless contributions of the  
22 Honorable Ralph M. Hall, U.S. congressman and former state senator,  
23 and extend to him best wishes for continued success; and, be it  
24 further

25           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for Congressman Hall as an expression of high regard by the  
27 Texas House of Representatives.