By: Howard H.R. No. 215

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Gene Dinges of Houston on June 9,

2005, at the age of 71, has brought a profoundly felt loss to the

family and friends of this esteemed Texan; and

WHEREAS, Born on October 3, 1933, to Dillard and Dottie

Dinges, Mr. Dinges graduated from Missouri City High School and

attended Wharton County Junior College and Stephen F. Austin State

7 University, where he completed his master's degree; and

8 WHEREAS, A longtime employee of Federal Tank Company who

became the company's president, he was also a well-known rancher in

the Fort Bend County area, where he had raised cattle since he was

in the fifth grade; additionally he had been a coach, ably serving

12 Center and Lufkin High Schools and Stephen F. Austin State

13 University; and

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WHEREAS, Mr. Dinges further distinguished himself through

15 his involvement with a number of organizations; a life member of the

16 Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo and the Fort Bend County Fair

Association, he also gave of his time and talents to the Texas and

18 Southwestern Cattleman's Association, Charolais Breeders

19 Association, Stephen F. Austin State University Alumni and

Letterman Associations, Wharton County Junior College Alumni and

21 Letterman Associations, and Salt Grass Trail Riders Association; in

22 addition, he was a buyer for the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo,

23 Fort Bend County Fair Association, Brazoria County Fair

24 Association, and the Needville FFA Show; and

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WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Gene Dinges will remember his devotion to his family as well as the kindness and wisdom he generously shared; although he will be sorely missed, he leaves behind a legacy to treasure for those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Gene Dinges and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of 50 years, Sue Dinges; to his sons, Ron Dinges and his wife, Theresa, Don Dinges and his wife, Jeanne, Mike Dinges, and Bud Dinges; to his grandchildren, Kaleigh, Ashley, Alexandra, and Dillon Dinges; to his brothers, Dillard and Kenneth Dinges; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gene Dinges.