

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Sam L. Huggins of Paris on May 1,  
2 2006, at the age of 85, brings tremendous sadness to all those who  
3 were fortunate enough to have shared in his love and friendship; and

4           WHEREAS, After growing up in Lamar County, where he  
5 participated in a wide range of sports, Mr. Huggins entered World  
6 War II on June 17, 1942, as part of the U.S. Army's 8th Special  
7 Service Unit; serving with distinction in the southern Philippines,  
8 Fiji Islands, New Hebrides, and other South Pacific theaters, he  
9 was awarded a number of decorations, including the American Theater  
10 Campaign medal, the Asiatic-Pacific Theater Campaign medal with one  
11 Bronze Star, the Philippine Liberation medal with one Bronze Star,  
12 the Good Conduct Medal, the Victory Ribbon I Service Stripe, and  
13 five overseas service bars; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Huggins returned from the war to the Fort Sam  
15 Houston Separation Center on December 27, 1945, and married the  
16 former Gwendolyn Hutchings on February 10, 1946; for 60 years, the  
17 couple made their home in Paris, where he owned and operated his own  
18 businesses and served his community as a member of the Paris Lions  
19 Club and president of the United Way; and

20           WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father and respected civic  
21 leader, Mr. Huggins will be deeply missed, but his spirit will  
22 continue to shine brightly in the hearts of his loved ones; now,  
23 therefore, be it

24           RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas,

1 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Sam L. Huggins  
2 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
3 wife, Gwendolyn Huggins; to his son, Michael Huggins; to his  
4 brother, Earl Huggins; to his nieces and nephews, Lanny, Gary, and  
5 Mickey Huggins, Phillip, Rebecca, and Bobby Huggins, Kay Boren and  
6 Ballard Ray Boren, and Cindy Powell and her husband, Rhett, and  
7 their son, Austin Powell; to his sisters-in-law, Rebecca Huggins,  
8 Louise Huggins, and Margie Doyle; and to his other relatives and  
9 friends; and, be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for the family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
13 Sam L. Huggins.

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President of the Senate

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 45 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 12, 2006.

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Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 45 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on May 14, 2006.

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Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_

Date

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Governor