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H.C.R. No. 45

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.