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H.R. No. 162

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A loving family and a host of friends celebrate the  
2 life of Kenneth Rodger Hinckley of Austin, who passed away on April  
3 12, 2006, at the age of 84; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Fort Worth on August 8, 1921, Mr. Hinckley  
5 was raised in Waco, Dallas, and Houston; after receiving his  
6 diploma from San Jacinto High School in the Bayou City, he spent  
7 three years in Alaska, taking on the responsibility for a placer  
8 gold-mining operation established in Nome by his father, a  
9 U.S. marshal in the Territory of Alaska; during the winters, he  
10 attended the University of Alaska in Fairbanks; and

11           WHEREAS, Shortly after the United States entered World War  
12 II, Mr. Hinckley joined the Army Air Corps; he served in the  
13 military for nearly four years, with his last assignments taking  
14 him to New Guinea and the Netherlands East Indies as a member of the  
15 5th Air Force; and

16           WHEREAS, Honorably discharged, he continued his education at  
17 The University of Texas, where he graduated with a bachelor of  
18 business administration degree; Mr. Hinckley subsequently enjoyed  
19 a distinguished 37-year career with Houston Lighting & Power  
20 Company, attaining the office of group vice president of external  
21 relations; and

22           WHEREAS, While handling the myriad demands of his corporate  
23 post, this esteemed Texan also gave generously of his time and  
24 talents to a number of civic groups, worthy causes, and industry

1 organizations; he was involved with Baylor College of Medicine, the  
2 March of Dimes, the United Fund, Trees for Main Street, Clean  
3 Houston, the Houston and East Texas Chambers of Commerce, the  
4 Better Business Bureau, the Houston Convention Council, and Edison  
5 Electric Institute; and

6 WHEREAS, In retirement, Mr. Hinckley moved with his wife,  
7 June, to the Texas Hill Country, where they divided their time  
8 between a lakeside home and a hilltop residence in Austin; on  
9 numerous occasions, the couple traveled abroad with the Flying  
10 Longhorns; a life member of the Texas Exes, Mr. Hinckley also took  
11 advantage of lectures and continuing education programs at UT and  
12 supported the school's athletic programs as a spectator and donor;  
13 and

14 WHEREAS, A deeply admired role model for all who knew him, Ken  
15 Hinckley embodied the best values of a generation that defended  
16 freedom at tremendous personal cost and that built a stronger, more  
17 prosperous society on the foundation laid by their forebears;  
18 preceded in death by his beloved wife of 57 years, he will forever  
19 be remembered with warm affection by those whose hearts and lives he  
20 touched; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
22 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
23 Kenneth Rodger Hinckley and extend sincere sympathy to the members  
24 of his family: to his children and their spouses, Carolyn Hinckley  
25 Boyle and her husband, James G. Boyle, Nancy Neill, and William  
26 Rodger Hinckley and his wife, Cyndi Brooks Hinckley; to his  
27 grandchildren, Amanda Marie Boyle, Holliday Brooks Hinckley, and

1 Walter Rowdy Hinckley; and to his many other relatives and friends;  
2 and, be it further

3       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Kenneth  
6 Rodger Hinckley.