

By: Hughes

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CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived tempers
2 the profound sadness felt after the passing of Dr. Edmund Whetstone
3 Robb, Jr., of Marshall; and

4 WHEREAS, Born September 14, 1926, in Marshall, Dr. Robb
5 attended Lon Morris College, Centenary College, and East Texas
6 Baptist University and proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy
7 during World War II; and

8 WHEREAS, Dr. Robb was called to the ministry as a young man,
9 and for more than five decades he dedicated himself to sharing the
10 love of Jesus Christ with others at home and around the globe; and

11 WHEREAS, Admired as a visionary leader, he helped guide the
12 Mission Society for United Methodists, the Confessing Movement, and
13 Good News, which he served as chairman; in addition, he founded both
14 A Foundation for Theological Education and the Institute for
15 Religion and Democracy, and he was a life trustee of Asbury
16 Theological Seminary in Wilmore, Kentucky, which awarded him an
17 honorary doctor of theology degree; and

18 WHEREAS, Dr. Robb played a vital role in a number of
19 organizations in the wider community as well, serving as president
20 of the Marshall Rotary Club and as a member of the Citizens Advisory
21 Council, the Harrison County Historical Museum, Friends of the
22 Library, and the Marshall Chamber of Commerce; and

23 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous accolades, he was one of
24 40 Methodist leaders honored for outstanding achievement in

1 Christian evangelism in 1989; he also earned the Denman Evangelism
2 Award from the Foundation for Evangelism in 1996 and received the
3 Institute on Religion and Democracy's Church Reform Award in 2001;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, This gifted communicator appeared on a host of
6 national television programs, served as an election observer for
7 the U.S. State Department during the first democratic elections in
8 El Salvador, and authored several books, including Gold Medallion
9 winner *Betrayal of the Church*; and

10 WHEREAS, Few individuals have had such a profound and lasting
11 impact in the Christian community, and Ed Robb will long be
12 remembered for his exemplary leadership and his unwavering faith;
13 although his death has left a void in the lives of those who knew and
14 loved him, his family and friends can take comfort in the knowledge
15 that he is enjoying the presence of the Lord he faithfully served
16 and that his deeds have had a positive and lasting effect on those
17 who remain to continue his work; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
19 hereby honor the life of Dr. Edmund Whetstone Robb, Jr., and extend
20 deepest sympathy to his family: to his beloved wife of 57 years,
21 Martha Hegler Robb; to his children, Julia Robb, Edmund W. Robb III,
22 Laurie Hubert, Sarah Purcell, and James Robb; to his 12
23 grandchildren; to his four great-grandchildren; to his sisters,
24 Rose Joyce Steuer and Alice Clegg; and to his other relatives and
25 many friends; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House

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1 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory
2 of Edmund Whetstone Robb, Jr.