

By: Homer

H.C.R. No. 183

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of William Merritt
3 Noel of Paris on August 2, 2004, at the age of 86, brought to all who
4 loved him; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on August 19, 1917, in Terre Haute, Indiana,
6 Mr. Noel graduated from Rose Hulman Institute of Technology in
7 Terre Haute with a mechanical and electrical engineering degree; he
8 married Helen Tod Larrance on December 27, 1941, then served with
9 distinction in World War II as a member of the 82nd Airborne
10 Division in the European Theatre and was discharged in August 1945
11 with the rank of major; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Noel worked for 34 years with the Campbell Soup
13 Company and retired as a manager of engineering and maintenance; he
14 was a member of the Central Presbyterian Church, Founders Lions
15 Club, and Paris Golf and Country Club; and

16 WHEREAS, Although he is deeply missed, his memory lives on in
17 the lives of those who were fortunate enough to have known him; now,
18 therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the 79th Legislature of the State of Texas
20 hereby pay tribute to the life of William Merritt Noel and extend
21 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Helen
22 Tod Noel; to his sons, Larrance Merritt Noel and his son, William
23 Merritt Noel II, and Merritt Andrew Noel and his wife, Delise, and
24 their children, Thomas Andrew Noel, Taylor Larrance Noel, and Kelly

1 Elizabeth Noel; to his sister, Naomi Heaton; and to his other
2 relatives and friends; 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 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
6 William Merritt Noel.