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RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Edward James Ryan of New York passed 2 away on February 16, 2005, at the age of 80, and his loss has left a 3 void in the lives of his family and friends; and

WHEREAS, Born in New York City's Greenwich Village on April 4 5 13, 1924, Judge Ryan spent most of his life in his home state; 6 however, in 1985, after retiring from his position as U.S. bankruptcy judge of the Eastern District of New York, he served as a 7 recalled annuitant in the Southern District of Texas for two years 8 in an effort to help alleviate the district's large backlog of 9 cases, and his decision to offer his services greatly benefited the 10 11 bankruptcy courts in Texas; and

12 WHEREAS, A graduate of Regis High School, Judge Ryan served 13 in Europe with the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps from 1943 to 1945 14 and was awarded the Bronze Star; he attended Fordham University 15 School of Business and the University of Pittsburgh before earning 16 his LL.B. degree from St. John's University School of Law and his 17 LL.M. degree from New York University School of Law; and

18 WHEREAS, Before beginning his judicial tenure with the 19 Eastern District of New York, this esteemed gentleman clerked for 20 U.S. District Judge Sidney Sugarman and served as a pretrial 21 examiner in the Southern District of New York; moreover, he 22 authored Collier's *Bankruptcy Forms Manual* and coauthored the 23 second edition of that publication and served as an adjunct 24 associate professor of law at St. John's School of Law from 1969 to

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1 1975; and

2 WHEREAS, After returning to his home state in 1987, Judge 3 Ryan joined the law firm of Cole & Dietz; he also devoted several 4 more years of his life to serving as a recalled annuitant with the 5 Eastern District of New York; and

6 WHEREAS, A man of integrity, dedication, and generosity, 7 Judge Edward James Ryan made significant contributions to the 8 welfare of the State of Texas during his lifetime, and it is fitting 9 to acknowledge his service by extending honorary Texan status to 10 this distinguished jurist; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Edward James Ryan and 13 posthumously confer on him the status of honorary Texan; and, be it 14 further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge Edward James Ryan.

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I certify that H.R. No. 797 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 16, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House