H.R. No. 1062 By: Gallego

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may 2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of Warden John Newell 3 of Richardson on August 21, 2003, at the age of 68, brought to all who loved this esteemed gentleman; and

WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Mr. Newell was born 5 6 in Alice and raised in Alpine, where he was valedictorian of his graduating class; he went on to attend Princeton University and 7 earned his bachelor's degree from The University of Texas in 1956; 8

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WHEREAS, Mr. Newell had a distinguished career with Chance Vought Aircraft, and he was involved with the design and development of some of the earliest solid-state electronics, worked on the design of guidance and control systems for aircraft and missiles, and made substantial contributions to the Lance Missile; after 40 years of service, he retired as director of system engineering from Lockheed Martin Vought Systems in 1996; and

WHEREAS, Passionate about music, this talented Texan began playing the trumpet at the age of six and continued into his retirement years; he played in the Grand Prairie, Irving, and Garland Symphony Orchestras and served as the first president of the Richardson Community Band, of which he was a member for more than 20 years; and

WHEREAS, Warden Newell was a devoted husband and father whose creativity, enthusiasm, and ingenuity endeared him to many, and

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- 1 while he is deeply missed, his spirit lives on in the hearts of the
- 2 people whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
- 4 Legislature hereby honor the life of Warden John Newell and extend
- 5 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Helen
- 6 Tweed Newell; to his children, Kate Torrance, Anita Newell, John
- 7 Newell III, Robert Newell, Mark Newell, Jerry Newell, Guy Davis,
- 8 Melanie Acosta, and Stephanie Schroeder; to his daughters-in-law,
- 9 Kathy Newell and Kristan Davis; to his sons-in-law, Jad Torrance,
- 10 Joel Acosta, and Jamie Schroeder; to his siblings, Laura Pattillo,
- 11 Joanna Cowell and her husband, Lee, David Newell and his wife,
- 12 Malia, and Tom Van Auken and his wife, Nancy; to his grandchildren,
- 13 Loretta and Meredith Newell, Emily, Evelyn, Lane, and Luke Acosta,
- 14 and Madeleine and Grant Davis; and to his other relatives and many
- 15 friends; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Warden John
- 19 Newell.