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## RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of former El Paso mayor
- 2 Thomas D. Westfall were deeply saddened by his passing on March 8,
- 3 2005, at the age of 77; and
- WHEREAS, During his tenure as mayor from 1979 to 1981, Mr.
- 5 Westfall became known for his honest and direct manner and his
- 6 genuine dedication to the betterment of the community; he brought
- 7 to his office a wealth of experience, having served in the Marines
- 8 during World War II, earned a law degree from the University of
- 9 Illinois, and spent a career working for the federal government;
- 10 and
- 11 WHEREAS, Mr. Westfall was employed for 26 years as a special
- 12 agent and executive for the FBI, and following his retirement from
- the bureau in 1970, he moved to El Paso, where he became involved in
- 14 politics; and
- WHEREAS, A valued contributor to civic life, this dedicated
- 16 public servant was active in numerous organizations during his time
- in Texas, including the El Paso County Historical Society, the El
- 18 Paso Archaeological Society, the El Paso Museum of Art, and the
- 19 Downtown Rotary Club of El Paso, and he also played a key role in the
- 20 founding of the El Paso Archaeological Museum; and
- 21 WHEREAS, Although Tom Westfall will long be missed, his
- 22 achievements in the public sector will continue to resonate through
- 23 the years, for he made a host of positive contributions to the
- 24 greater community; now, therefore, be it

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1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas 2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas D. Westfall and 3 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, 4 Margie Westfall; to his daughter, Rebecca Dale Westfall; to his grandchildren; and to his other family members and friends; and, be 5 it further 6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 7 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House 8 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Thomas 9 D. Westfall. 10

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1211 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 29, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House