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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of many joyful moments and meaningful  
2 accomplishments may help to comfort the family and friends of  
3 Virgil Dugan of Tomball, who passed away on March 17, 2005, at the  
4 age of 85; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on April 25, 1919, Mr. Dugan was a decorated war  
6 hero who served in the U.S. Navy during World War II and worked on  
7 several destroyers and aircraft carriers, including the U.S.S.  
8 *Hornet* as a member of Task Force 16 during the Doolittle Raid on  
9 Tokyo; with more than seven years of service, he achieved the rank  
10 of chief petty officer and earned numerous honors, including the  
11 World War II combat medal, the American Campaign Medal, the U.S.  
12 Commendation Award, the Asiatic-Pacific Medal with Star, the  
13 American Defense Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, and a special Navy  
14 citation; this esteemed patriot was honorably discharged in 1945  
15 and returned to Tomball to marry his love, Erma Walker, and raise a  
16 family; and

17           WHEREAS, Mr. Dugan began his career working for Humble Oil  
18 and Refining Company for several years before starting a business  
19 with Erma's father and brother; eventually he decided to open his  
20 own establishment, Dugan's Appliances, and he managed the shop  
21 until his retirement in 1980; and

22           WHEREAS, An active member of his community, Mr. Dugan was a  
23 longtime member of the Rotary Club, VFW Post No. 2427, the chamber  
24 of commerce, and the Church of Christ; a voracious reader, he was a

1 loyal member of the Friends of the Library Club and attended night  
2 classes at the University of Houston to further his education; and

3 WHEREAS, A true hero who placed himself in harm's way in  
4 defense of this nation, Virgil Dugan deserved and received the  
5 admiration and respect of his fellow Texans; at home, he worked  
6 tirelessly in behalf of his community and will be dearly missed by  
7 all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Virgil Dugan and  
10 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of  
11 56 years, Erma Dugan; to his daughters, Shannon Stephens and Julie  
12 Hicks; to his stepson, Gary Clark; to his granddaughters, Melissa  
13 McKeever, Natalie Stephens, and Caitlin Hicks; to his grandsons,  
14 Michael Clark and Jason Hicks; to his great-grandchildren, Nick and  
15 Bethany Clark; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be  
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Virgil  
20 Dugan.