RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Words cannot adequately express the profound 2 sadness felt by the family and friends of Tom Jackson of Beaumont, 3 who passed away on March 27, 2005, at the age of 52; and

WHEREAS, Born on April 4, 1952, Mr. Jackson was a lifelong resident of Beaumont and graduated from Lamar University; he managed a major rice, soybean, and cattle operation, and at the time of his death, he was general manager of the Jefferson County Waterways and Navigation District; and

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WHEREAS, A tireless advocate for improvement of the Sabine-Neches Ship Channel on the Gulf Coast, he pursued channel improvements to accommodate larger vessels and to help local ports and private terminals remain competitive in the global economy; he served as chair of the Sabine Neches Waterway Safety Advisory Council and contributed to waterway committees of the United States Coast Guard and the United States Army Corps of Engineers; and

WHEREAS, A respected community leader, Mr. Jackson was a member of the board of the Beaumont Production Credit Association, a legislative affairs representative for the Farm Credit Administration's 10th Farm District, and one of five rice producers selected nationwide to participate in the USA Rice Council Leadership Program; and

WHEREAS, Above all, Tom Jackson was devoted to his family; he worked tirelessly for their well-being and enjoyed nothing more than sharing time with them; and

WHEREAS, The strength of our communities depends on the passion and leadership of individuals like Tom Jackson, who did so much to build a better future for the citizens of Beaumont and Southeast Texas; he will be deeply missed by all those who knew him and by those who were touched by his commitment to service; now, therefore, be it

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- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas

 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Tom Jackson and extend

 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,

 Kathleen; to his children, Tommy, Kit, and Thea; to his mother,

 Marta Sue Stagg; to his sister, Susan Myers; and to his other

 relatives and friends; and, be it 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 Tom Jackson.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1815 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 24, 2005.

Chief Clerk of the House