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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

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

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

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Tom Jackson and extend
9 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
10 Kathleen; to his children, Tommy, Kit, and Thea; to his mother,
11 Marta Sue Stagg; to his sister, Susan Myers; and to his other
12 relatives and friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tom
16 Jackson.