

By: Hopson

H.R. No. 2122

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The House of Representatives of the State of Texas  
2 joins the citizens of Corpus Christi in mourning the life of Travis  
3 A. Peeler, a lawyer, lawmaker, and civic activist, who died March  
4 19, 2005, at the age of 80; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Christine on January 17, 1925, Mr. Peeler  
6 served with the United States Army Air Corps in France during World  
7 War II and flew more than 25 missions over Germany; and

8           WHEREAS, After the war, he attended Texas A&I University and  
9 The University of Texas School of Law, from which he graduated  
10 second in his class in 1953; early in his career, Mr. Peeler worked  
11 as a briefing attorney for the Texas Supreme Court and as a Corpus  
12 Christi assistant city attorney; he later practiced law as a  
13 partner in the firm of Prichard, Peeler, Cartwright, and Hall until  
14 his retirement in 1998; and

15           WHEREAS, Mr. Peeler was elected to the Texas House of  
16 Representatives in 1960 and served four consecutive terms; during  
17 his tenure in the legislature he introduced successful legislation  
18 to abolish the poll tax and secured passage of a measure providing  
19 for automatic voter registration renewal for those who vote  
20 consistently; in a lighthearted vein, he added to a bill that was  
21 assured of passage an amendment regarding punishment for Peeping  
22 Toms, reducing the sentence from five years to two and a half years  
23 if the perpetrator had only one eye; and

24           WHEREAS, A lifelong student of politics, this distinguished

1 Texan taught political science at Del Mar College in the 1970s and  
2 also served for two years as chairman of the Nueces County  
3 Democratic Party; and

4 WHEREAS, Travis Peeler was married to Jane Noe and later, for  
5 25 years, to Louise E. Peeler, who preceded him in death; he was the  
6 proud father of two children and two stepchildren; and

7 WHEREAS, A man of courage, strength, and generosity, Travis  
8 Peeler gave unselfishly of himself to others, and his wisdom,  
9 warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who had  
10 the great fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of the Honorable  
13 Travis A. Peeler and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
14 family: to his son and daughter-in-law, Paul and Bonnie Peeler; to  
15 his daughter and son-in-law, Sally and Larry Dick; to his  
16 stepchildren, Blake and Jo Betsy Vaught; to his grandchildren,  
17 Lara, Christopher L., and Travis Lee Peeler, Jane Elizabeth and  
18 Michael David Dick, and Austin Thomas and Jacob Barrett Vaught; to  
19 his former wife, Jane Noe; and to the other relatives and friends of  
20 this beloved gentleman; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the  
24 Honorable Travis A. Peeler.