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H.R. No. 2252

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of Thomas Henry
3 O'Melia on April 17, 2005, at the age of 63, brings to all who loved
4 this good man; and

5 WHEREAS, Born and raised in New York City, Mr. O'Melia
6 attended All Hallows High School in the Bronx; he worked throughout
7 high school, but still excelled both academically and athletically
8 and won city championships in the shot put and discus; and

9 WHEREAS, His dedication and ability earned this talented
10 young man an appointment to the United States Naval Academy, though
11 he ultimately completed his degree at Iona College; he then devoted
12 several years to learning the restaurant business, working as a
13 bouncer, bartender, and manager at a number of popular Manhattan
14 nightspots; and

15 WHEREAS, He realized his dream of becoming a restaurateur in
16 1972, when he opened the doors of O'Melia's, a casual establishment
17 that became a favorite meeting place on the Upper East Side; over
18 the following decade the eatery served countless delighted patrons,
19 and the success Mr. O'Melia experienced allowed him to open a second
20 restaurant in New Jersey; and

21 WHEREAS, Later in life, this esteemed gentleman went on to
22 manage dining facilities and catering enterprises for some of New
23 Jersey's largest hotels, retiring from his distinguished career in
24 the 1990s; and

1 WHEREAS, Tom O'Melia played many roles during his rich life,
2 but none of them were more important than his roles as husband and
3 father; although he will be deeply missed by his beloved wife and
4 children, his spirit will live on in their hearts, and in the hearts
5 of the many people whose lives he touched during his time on this
6 earth; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Henry O'Melia
9 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
10 wife, Kathy; to his children, Daniel, Andrew, Brendan, Thomas Ryan,
11 and Katie; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
12 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 Thomas
16 Henry O'Melia.