## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and 2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of

the Honorable Ray Allen Lemmon of Houston, who passed away on

January 9, 2007; and 4

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WHEREAS, Born and reared in the Bayou City, Mr. Lemmon 5 6 graduated from the University of Houston and remained a committed Cougar throughout his life; a veteran of World War II, he proudly 7 served his country as a member of the U.S. Marine Corps during 8

WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, Mr. Lemmon 10 11 gained employment with Southern Pacific Railroad; after starting a

family, he established his own company, Ray Lemmon Insurance, and

this successful venture later grew to include real estate services;

by the end of his career, Mr. Lemmon was considered an expert in his field and was often called on to serve as a court-appointed receiver

and to offer testimony at the courthouse; and 16

combat operations in the South Pacific; and

WHEREAS, In 1968, this respected businessman was elected to the Texas House of Representatives, serving the citizens of District 24 in the 61st and 62nd legislative sessions; during his tenure in office, Representative Lemmon authored or coauthored bills creating The University of Texas Medical School at Houston, the Texas Tourist Development Agency, six new courts in Harris

County, and the Texas Council on Marine Related Affairs; and 23

WHEREAS, He was a dedicated civic leader as well as a charter 24

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- 1 member of Emerson Unitarian Church, which he served on its board of
- 2 trustees; his myriad other affiliations included membership for
- 3 more than a half-century in Anson Jones Masonic Lodge No. 1313,
- 4 where he held the position of Worshipful Master and earned the
- 5 Golden Trowel Award for Service; and
- 6 WHEREAS, A cherished family man, community leader, and public
- 7 servant, Ray Lemmon leaves behind a legacy of achievement that will
- 8 continue to resonate in the lives of his fellow Texans for years to
- 9 come; now, therefore, be it
- 10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
- 11 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of the Honorable
- 12 Ray Allen Lemmon and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
- 13 family: to his daughters, Trish Baldwin-Hagner and her husband,
- 14 Buddy, Lori Thomson and her husband, Robert, and Paula Ann Petritz;
- to his son, David Lemmon; to his grandchildren, Shawn Lemmon Shaw,
- 16 Nicole and Michelle Petritz, Chris and Anneke Lemmon, and Hunter
- 17 Grace Thomson; to his loved one, Susanna Painter; and to his other
- 18 relatives and friends; and, be it further
- 19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ray Allen
- 22 Lemmon.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 59 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on January 12, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House