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H.R. No. 59

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of
3 the Honorable Ray Allen Lemmon of Houston, who passed away on
4 January 9, 2007; and

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

10 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, Mr. Lemmon
11 gained employment with Southern Pacific Railroad; after starting a
12 family, he established his own company, Ray Lemmon Insurance, and
13 this successful venture later grew to include real estate services;
14 by the end of his career, Mr. Lemmon was considered an expert in his
15 field and was often called on to serve as a court-appointed receiver
16 and to offer testimony at the courthouse; and

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

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

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;
15 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.