

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may help
2 console the family and friends of Thomas Cullin DeChant of San
3 Antonio, who passed away on June 12, 2006; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. DeChant was born on July 13, 1927, in Cleveland,
5 Ohio, where he served for a time as a police officer; in 1943, he
6 began a tenure with the U.S. Postal Service that spanned nearly five
7 decades; and

8 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. DeChant was a tireless
9 civic volunteer, serving with the San Antonio Crime Commission,
10 Traditional Crime Prevention Council, Bexar County Metropolitan
11 Planning Organization, and the Air Quality Control Commission; he
12 also demonstrated a genuine concern for the welfare of senior
13 citizens, which he expressed through his involvement with the
14 Comprehensive Nutrition Project of Senior Citizens, District 10
15 Senior Citizens Commission, and the Joint City/County Commission on
16 Elderly Affairs; moreover, his efforts helped to make possible the
17 passage of a law that made preying on the elderly a felony; and

18 WHEREAS, Mr. DeChant further served his fellow residents by
19 co-founding the Alamo Area Brown Backers and the Oak Grove
20 Neighborhood Association, and his many contributions earned him
21 recognition from San Antonio Mayor Ed Garza; and

22 WHEREAS, To all his endeavors Tom DeChant brought an
23 unwavering integrity, a boundless capacity for hard work, and a
24 profound desire to make a positive difference in the lives of

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1 others; although many will miss this dedicated Texan, he leaves
2 behind a legacy of compassion and service that will be forever
3 treasured by his loved ones; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Cullin DeChant
6 and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his
7 children, Denise Ann Murray and her husband, Michael, Diane Mary
8 DeChant, Thomas J. DeChant, Debra Marie Harbison and her husband,
9 the Reverend W. Scott Harbison, and Dorrine Harriette DeChant; to
10 his granddaughter, Cassandra DeChant Harbison; to his brother,
11 Gerald DeChant; to his sister, Patricia Telepak; 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 Thomas
16 Cullin DeChant.

Martinez Fischer

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 233 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 22, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House