## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an accomplished native son
with the passing of the Honorable Walter Thomas Caven on March 13,
2007; and
WHEREAS, Born November 23, 1920, Mr. Caven graduated from
Marshall High School, where he was president of his senior class and

degree from The University of Texas; after the attack on Pearl Harbor, he was inspired to serve his country in World War II, and he distinguished himself as a 7th Division infantry platoon leader;

the National Honor Society, and went on to earn his bachelor's

wounded at the battle of Leyte Gulf, he was honored for his valorous

service with the Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Bronze Star; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Caven returned to The University of Texas to pursue his law degree, graduating in 1947; soon after, he was elected to the Texas House of Representatives and ably represented citizens of Harrison County during the 51st Legislature; and

WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan had a notable legal career, representing 21 railroad companies in the Texas Railroad Association for more than three decades before becoming of counsel to the law firm of Akin, Gump, Strauss, Hauer & Feld; and

WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Caven shared 56 years of marriage with his wife, Laura, and the couple were blessed with two children and two grandchildren; in his free time, he enjoyed spending time with his loved ones, playing golf, hunting, and cheering for his favorite Lone Star football teams; and

1 WHEREAS, Although Walter Caven will be deeply missed, the 2 blessing of his life will be forever treasured by all those who were

3 privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas

5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Walter

6 Thomas Caven and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his

7 family: to his wife, Laura Caven; to his daughter, Caroline Caven;

8 to his son, Tom Caven and his wife, Marsha; to his grandchildren,

9 Caitlin and Andrew Caven; to his sister, Jean Hyde; and to his other

10 relatives and friends; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Walter

14 Thomas Caven.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1393 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 12, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House