

By: Howard of Travis

H.R. No. 1393

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an accomplished native son  
2 with the passing of the Honorable Walter Thomas Caven on March 13,  
3 2007; and

4           WHEREAS, Born November 23, 1920, Mr. Caven graduated from  
5 Marshall High School, where he was president of his senior class and  
6 the National Honor Society, and went on to earn his bachelor's  
7 degree from The University of Texas; after the attack on Pearl  
8 Harbor, he was inspired to serve his country in World War II, and he  
9 distinguished himself as a 7th Division infantry platoon leader;  
10 wounded at the battle of Leyte Gulf, he was honored for his valorous  
11 service with the Purple Heart, Silver Star, and Bronze Star; and

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

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

20           WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Caven shared 56 years of  
21 marriage with his wife, Laura, and the couple were blessed with two  
22 children and two grandchildren; in his free time, he enjoyed  
23 spending time with his loved ones, playing golf, hunting, and  
24 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  
12 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.