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H.R. No. 1492

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were saddened by the death of H.
2 Gordon Findlay of Kerrville on February 7, 2007, yet the memory of
3 his full and rewarding life remains to comfort them in their time of
4 loss; and

5 WHEREAS, Born September 11, 1917, in Philadelphia, Gordon
6 Findlay distinguished himself early in life when, at the age of 13,
7 he became the youngest Eagle Scout in the United States and stood as
8 the honor guard to President Herbert Hoover at a Boy Scout Jamboree;
9 he earned his bachelor's degree from Maryville College in Tennessee
10 and went on to study at The University of Texas at Austin School of
11 Law; and

12 WHEREAS, In December 1941, Mr. Findlay enlisted in the U.S.
13 Navy and became an aviator, flying missions from five different
14 aircraft carriers during World War II and also serving on the USS
15 *Hoggatt Bay*; he participated in 14 engagements and six invasions
16 against the Japanese during his tour of duty and earned many honors
17 for his efforts, including six Silver Star Medals, two Bronze Star
18 Medals, two Presidential Citations, and a National Defense Service
19 Medal; and

20 WHEREAS, After his return to civilian life, Mr. Findlay
21 became a successful businessman, working for Luscombe Aircraft
22 Company and later Manley Popcorn Company; he also owned and
23 operated several Texas restaurants, including the Branding Iron,
24 the Pioneer House, and Gordo's; he and his wife, Bimmie Ford

1 Findlay, owned and operated Kickapoo Kamp, a private residential
2 girls' summer camp that had been started by Mrs. Findlay's family;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, A respected member of his community, Mr. Findlay
5 belonged to Kerrville's Masonic Lodge No. 697, was a 32nd-degree
6 Scottish Rite Mason for more than 60 years, and was a member of the
7 Alzafar Shrine in San Antonio for more than five decades; and

8 WHEREAS, Bravely serving his country in wartime and
9 contributing to the peace and prosperity of his adopted home state
10 of Texas, Gordon Findlay was held in the highest regard by all who
11 knew him, and he built a life that was remarkably rich in family,
12 friends, and accomplishments; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of H. Gordon Findlay and
15 offer sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife
16 of 64 years, Bimmie Ford Findlay; to his children, Gordon Findlay,
17 Jr., Laura Findlay Hodges, and Larry Findlay; to his grandchildren,
18 Brian Hodges and his wife, Angie, Chris Hodges, Greg Hodges, Trey
19 Findlay and his wife, Jenny, and Caitey, Tina, T. C., and Ford
20 Findlay; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of H. Gordon
24 Findlay.