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H.R. No. 1686

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The community of Galveston lost one of its most  
2 beloved residents with the passing of Henry Peter Porretto, Jr., on  
3 March 18, 2007, at the age of 78; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on Galveston Island on July 16, 1928, Mr.  
5 Porretto was a graduate of Kirwin High School, where he was class  
6 president and a member of the varsity football team; he furthered  
7 his education at The University of Texas at Austin and the  
8 University of Houston, earning degrees in geology and petroleum  
9 engineering; and

10           WHEREAS, Following a tour of duty with the U.S. Army in the  
11 Korean War, Mr. Porretto was employed in the oil industry before  
12 acquiring real estate holdings and working for himself; his  
13 properties included his beloved Porretto Beach, which he owned and  
14 operated for 40 years and often lent for use to such organizations  
15 as the Muscular Dystrophy Association, the Jaycees, and the  
16 Galveston County Sheriff's Department; and

17           WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. Porretto gave generously of  
18 his time and talents to his hometown; he was a former president of  
19 the Hotel Association of Galveston and a valued member of the  
20 Galveston Park Board of Trustees; moreover, his 40 years of service  
21 with the Galveston Lions Club earned him the Lion of the Year Award  
22 as well as the Doctor Mihovil Award for Outstanding Leadership to  
23 the Welfare of his Community; and

24           WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Porretto was a devoted husband

1 and father who leaves behind a legacy of strength, courage, and  
2 integrity that will be forever treasured by those who held him dear;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Henry Peter Porretto,  
6 Jr., and extend sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife  
7 of 50 years, Rosemarie Matijevich Porretto; to his children, Lt.  
8 Henry Stephen Porretto, Michael Joseph Porretto and his wife,  
9 Suzanne, Mark Dominic Porretto, Rose Ann Porretto Clements and her  
10 husband, Scott, and Sonya Porretto Nelson and her husband, Darryl;  
11 to his grandchildren, Alexander and Nicolette Nelson, Samuel,  
12 Marcus, and Giovanni Porretto, and Alexandria Clements; and to his  
13 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

14         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
15 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
16 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Henry Peter  
17 Porretto, Jr.