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H.R. No. 2621

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Israel Louis Schwartz on March 18,  
2 2007, at the age of 81, has deeply saddened the family and friends  
3 of this beloved gentleman; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Havana, Cuba, to Clara Bulbe Schwartz and  
5 Joseph Schwartz on March 25, 1925, Lou Schwartz grew up in Galveston  
6 and attended Galveston public schools; he played football for Ball  
7 High School and graduated with honors two years ahead of his class;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Schwartz enrolled at Texas A&M University but  
10 enlisted in the U.S. Navy before completing his degree; during boot  
11 camp he was chosen to attend Northwestern University Officer  
12 Candidate School, and he was subsequently commissioned as an  
13 ensign; he later studied at the Massachusetts Institute of  
14 Technology, where he received a degree in electrical engineering,  
15 with a major in naval electronics; and

16           WHEREAS, Among the various assignments Mr. Schwartz held  
17 during World War II was that of airborne radar observer; he later  
18 served on the aircraft carrier USS *Palau* and, for a period that  
19 included the Korean War, on the battleship USS *Missouri*; after 11  
20 years in the navy, he was discharged with the rank of lieutenant  
21 junior grade; and

22           WHEREAS, In 1979, after working for 17 years in the  
23 military-aerospace industry, Mr. Schwartz moved to Austin, where  
24 he joined the office of the state comptroller; following his

1 retirement he moved to Houston, and for the last nine years of his  
2 life he resided in the vicinity of Clear Lake; and

3 WHEREAS, Lou Schwartz married the former Audrey Hurwitz, whom  
4 he had met at MIT, in 1949, and the couple became the proud parents  
5 of three children; and

6 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Mr. Schwartz  
7 and to have shared in his love and friendship can take pride in his  
8 legacy of purposeful endeavor, and they will forever hold him close  
9 in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Israel Louis Schwartz  
12 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
13 children, Ellen Schwartz and her husband, Leonard Cox, Paul  
14 Schwartz and his wife, Jan, and Nancy Schwartz and her companion,  
15 Brian Fisher; to his grandchildren, Andrea and Stefan Schwartz; to  
16 his brothers, the Honorable A. R. "Babe" Schwartz and his wife,  
17 Marilyn, and Steven Schwartz and his wife, Lisa; to his sister,  
18 Phyllis Milstein and her husband, Dr. Bernard Milstein; to his  
19 brother-in-law, Joseph Hurwitz and his wife, Sandy; and to his many  
20 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 Lou  
24 Schwartz.