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H.C.R. No. 156

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and  
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends  
3 of Thomas Shelby Justiss of Fort Worth, who passed away on March 16,  
4 2009, at the age of 82; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of Paris, Mr. Justiss was born in 1926 to  
6 Kathryn and Thomas Shelby Justiss, Sr.; active in school, church,  
7 and the Boy Scouts of America, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout  
8 at the age of 15; he went on to attend Paris Junior College and serve  
9 his country in the Army during World War II; and

10           WHEREAS, Following the war, he earned a bachelor's degree  
11 from Texas A&M University, where he majored in structural  
12 engineering and also participated in the Corps of Cadets and Ross  
13 Volunteers; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Justiss began his career as a field engineer for  
15 the Texas Company in Port Neches; recalled to active duty in 1950,  
16 he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War; he left  
17 military service as a captain and settled in Fort Worth, joining the  
18 staff of Texas Industries; by virtue of his hard work and diligent  
19 service, he retired from the company in 1990 as a divisional vice  
20 president; and

21           WHEREAS, Mr. Justiss was an active and faithful member of  
22 St. Christopher Episcopal Church, serving the congregation as  
23 church treasurer; a registered professional structural engineer,  
24 he shared his time with the American Society of Civil Engineers and

1 the Texas Society of Professional Engineers; and

2 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his family, Mr. Justiss was a loving  
3 husband to his wife of 56 years, Jackie, and a devoted father to his  
4 four precious daughters, Kim, Marci, Gina, and Leanne; and

5 WHEREAS, Although Thomas Justiss is deeply missed, he will  
6 long be remembered with great affection by those fortunate enough  
7 to have shared in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas  
9 hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Shelby Justiss and extend  
10 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Jackie  
11 Justiss; to his daughters, Kim and her husband, Jerry Hunter, Marci  
12 and her husband, Calvin Blankenship, Gina and her husband, Byron  
13 Lancaster, and Leanne and her husband, Keith Walker; to his  
14 grandchildren, Patrick Blankenship and his wife, Kailee, James and  
15 Daniel Blankenship, and Katerina and Max Lancaster; and to his  
16 other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of  
20 Thomas Shelby Justiss.