

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost an admired athlete, coach,
2 and youth development leader with the passing of former Olympic
3 swimmer Tex Julian Robertson on August 27, 2007, at the age of 98;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Tex Robertson was born in Sweetwater on April 23,
6 1909, to Frank G. Robertson and Nancy Emerson Robertson; as a boy,
7 he learned to swim in a flooded creek and was known to practice his
8 aquatic skills in a horse trough; and

9 WHEREAS, A graduate of Sweetwater High School, Mr. Robertson
10 attended the University of Southern California and Los Angeles
11 Junior College, and he received a bachelor of arts degree from the
12 University of Michigan and a bachelor of science degree from The
13 University of Texas; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Robertson demonstrated his impressive swimming
15 skills at the University of Michigan, where he won Big 10 and NCAA
16 championships, and he was a member of the 1932 United States Olympic
17 Team; from the mid-1930s to 1943 and again from 1946 to 1950, he
18 coached swimming at The University of Texas, where he led the UT
19 team to the Southwest Conference championship in each of the 13
20 seasons that he served as coach; and

21 WHEREAS, During World War II, he interrupted his coaching
22 career to serve in the United States Navy as a swimming instructor
23 and a trainer of underwater demolition teams; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1939, Mr. Robertson married Pat Hudson, and

1 together they founded Camp Longhorn; the summer camp began with one
2 guest and 17 counselors but grew steadily through the years to
3 become a well-known and well-loved Texas institution; today, it
4 continues to host more than 4,000 campers each summer at two
5 locations; Mr. Robertson also played an important role in founding
6 the Camping Association for Mutual Progress to promote youth
7 camping in Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, he was an influential swimming
9 advocate, founding the organizations Working Exes for Texas
10 Swimming and Texas Age Group Swimming and actively supporting the
11 growth of the sport at the high school level; for his efforts as an
12 athlete, coach, and swimming ambassador, he was inducted into the
13 Longhorn Hall of Honor in 1965 and received the Gold Medallion Award
14 from the International Swimming Hall of Fame in 2003; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Robertson won national and international titles
16 in Masters Swimming competitions and continued to engage in his
17 favorite sport well into his 90s; in 2007, he was recognized with
18 the Texas Masters Swimming Lifetime Achievement Award; and

19 WHEREAS, This energetic and caring man was also active in the
20 life of his community; he was instrumental in the creation of a
21 range of organizations and events, including the Burnet Community
22 Center, the Honor Citizen Program, and Citizens of Burnet Schools;
23 he was honored by the Lower Colorado River Authority in 1998 with
24 his induction into the LCRA Walk of Honor; and

25 WHEREAS, In the course of the many years that he lived in the
26 Lone Star State, Tex Robertson promoted the joys and rewards of
27 aquatic exercise and the outdoors, and he played an important role

1 in the growth of competitive swimming; he will be deeply missed, but
2 he will live on in the fond memories of the generations of swimmers
3 and campers whose lives he enriched; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Tex Julian Robertson
6 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
7 wife of 67 years, Pat Robertson; to his sons, John Robertson and his
8 wife, Donna, Robby Robertson and his wife, Deidra, and Bill
9 Robertson and his wife, Carol; to his daughters, Sally Lucksinger
10 and Nancy Manning and her husband, Bobby; to his 18 grandchildren
11 and four great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and
12 friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Tex Julian
16 Robertson.

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Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
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Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
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Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
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Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 25

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 25 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House