

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Friends and family are mourning the loss of Lawrence
2 F. Blais of Weatherford, who passed away on August 2, 2008, at the
3 age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 17, 1920, in New Hampshire, Larry
5 Blais worked in a gas station and grill throughout his high school
6 years to help support his family; he graduated from the University
7 of New Hampshire and, in 1942, began a long association with the
8 military when he enlisted in the Army Air Corps; serving his nation
9 in the Pacific Theater during World War II, he earned numerous
10 decorations, including the Legion of Merit, and retired at the rank
11 of colonel after three decades of service; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Blais earned a master's degree at Harvard and a
13 juris doctor degree from Southern Methodist University; after
14 embarking on a career as an attorney, he was soon appointed to the
15 family law court, where he served as an associate judge for 28
16 years; throughout his career, he advocated strongly for the
17 interests of children; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1989, Mr. Blais married the former Ava Lynn
19 Logan, and the couple were blessed with a daughter, Lauren Kristen,
20 the following year; he was also the father of four sons, and his
21 family was a source of great joy to him as was his renewed faith; and

22 WHEREAS, Larry Blais was a man of tremendous ability and
23 dedication, and he leaves behind a legacy of service to his country
24 and to his community that will be forever cherished by those who

1 held him dear; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lawrence F. Blais and
4 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
5 wife, Ava Lynn Blais; to his daughter, Lauren Blais; to his two
6 surviving sons, Curtis and Larry Blais; to his sisters, Audrey
7 Bassett and Virginia Haley; to his grandchildren, Kristopher,
8 Marcus, Lin, Michael, and Debbie; to his three great-grandchildren;
9 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Larry
13 Blais.

King of Parker

H.R. No. 141

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 141 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House