

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 141

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 two 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 sons,  
6 Vuris and Larry Blais; to his sisters, Audrey Basset and Virginia  
7 Haley; to his grandchildren, Marcus, Lin, Michael, and Debbie; to  
8 his three great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and  
9 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.