

By: Hamilton

H.R. No. 1378

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of East Texas lost a beloved neighbor and  
2 admired community leader with the passing of Judge Drew O'Neal  
3 Bacon of Newton on February 5, 2009, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Drew Bacon was born  
5 on May 16, 1920, in Gilmer; he graduated from Frankston High School  
6 and served with the 85th Seabee Battalion during World War II before  
7 attending The University of Texas, where he earned degrees in  
8 business administration and law; and

9 WHEREAS, He began his distinguished legal career in private  
10 practice, and in 1957 he was elected district attorney of the 1st  
11 Judicial District of Texas; appointed state district judge two  
12 years later, he served in that capacity for three decades; and

13 WHEREAS, Judge Bacon's career was marked by many major  
14 accomplishments, including contributions to *Stayton's Form Book*  
15 and the *Texas Bar Journal* and appearances as a lecturer for the  
16 Committee on Continuing Legal Education for the State Bar of Texas;  
17 and

18 WHEREAS, This notable jurist was a member of the Judicial  
19 Section of the State Bar of Texas, chair of the Committee on Uniform  
20 Court Rules, charter fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation and the  
21 International Academy of Trial Judges, and founding president of  
22 the American Law Students Association and the 1st Judicial District  
23 Bar Association, of which he was also a life member; and

24 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Judge Bacon shared his time

1 with the Three Rivers Council of the Boy Scouts of America, the  
2 Lion's Club, the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the  
3 Newton Independent School District Board; in addition, he was a  
4 68-year member of the Masonic Lodges in Newton and Frankston; and

5 WHEREAS, Married to his beloved wife of 65 years, Sue Cole  
6 Bacon, Judge Bacon was known for his devotion to his country, the  
7 law, and his family, and he leaves a legacy of service and  
8 achievements that will continue to benefit Texas for years to come;  
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Judge Drew O'Neal  
12 Bacon and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
13 his wife, Sue Cole Bacon; to his children, Drew O'Neal Bacon, Jr.,  
14 and his wife, Michelle, Sylvia Bacon Thompson and her husband,  
15 Randy, DeLayne Bacon Pascal, and Roger Howard Bacon and his wife,  
16 Karla; to his grandchildren, Davasha, Micayla, and Drew "Trey"  
17 O'Neal Bacon III, Tara Thompson Cosgrove and her husband, Ryan,  
18 Devon Thompson McCall and her husband, Chris, Alexis Pascal, and  
19 Lawren and Brittny Bacon; to his brother, Billy Bacon, and his wife,  
20 Pattye; and to all those who mourn his passing; 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 Judge Drew  
24 O'Neal Bacon.