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H.R. No. 2038

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Max Stool of San Antonio has distinguished himself
2 through his dedicated and enthusiastic service to his community,
3 state, and nation; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Dave and Esther Stool, Max Stool was born
5 on September 11, 1922, in Del Rio, just two years after his parents
6 had emigrated from the Ukraine through Ellis Island; as a youth, he
7 worked part-time in his father's clothing business, the Star Store,
8 which was located on the city's Main Street; he graduated in 1940
9 from Del Rio High School and went on to attend The University of
10 Texas at Austin; and

11 WHEREAS, Following the attack on Pearl Harbor, Mr. Stool was
12 inspired to enlist in the army at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio,
13 and he subsequently trained in aircraft maintenance at Oklahoma A&M
14 University; he served as a member of the Army Air Corps and
15 participated in six campaigns, including Normandy, northern
16 France, Ardennes, Rhineland, Central Europe, and Air Offensive
17 Europe, before being honorably discharged on October 2, 1945; he
18 was awarded the European Theater of Operations Campaign Medal with
19 six bronze stars; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Stool completed his bachelor's degree at
21 UT-Austin in 1947 and married the former Libbie Polsky in August of
22 that same year; the couple lived in Austin while Mr. Stool earned
23 his law degree, and then settled in Del Rio, where together they
24 raised three children, Ethan, Elizabeth, and Ben, and where Mr.

1 Stool returned to work at the Star Store; except for a stint as an
2 attorney with the Internal Revenue Service at the U.S. Department
3 of the Treasury, he helped operate the family business, which he
4 eventually took over, until his retirement in 2001; and

5 WHEREAS, Devoted to his hometown, Mr. Stool shared his time
6 and talents with such organizations as the local Girl Scouts
7 council, the Del Rio Chamber of Commerce, the Del Rio Council for
8 the Arts, and Val Verde Friends of the Arts, and he was active in the
9 Rotary Club for 50 years; moreover, he held public office as a board
10 member of the Del Rio Independent School District from 1961 to 1965
11 and later served as chair of the Val Verde County Democratic Party;
12 along the way, he volunteered in numerous United Fund campaigns and
13 served as the area liaison for the chaplain's office at Laughlin Air
14 Force Base; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Stool's public engagement further extends to his
16 membership in the Texas Jewish Historical Society and the Texas
17 Jewish War Veterans; dedicated to his faith and heritage, he has
18 twice traveled to Israel, and he celebrated a second bar mitzvah in
19 November 2007 at the age of 85; and

20 WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan is known for his natural
21 curiosity, his ability to make and keep friends, and his
22 razor-sharp memory; he takes great pleasure in traveling,
23 corresponding with others, and spending time with his family, which
24 has grown to include six grandchildren; a resident of San Antonio
25 since 2003, he has shared his experience as a soldier during World
26 War II with local high school students; and

27 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Max Stool has demonstrated

1 a commitment to his fellow citizens, and it is indeed a pleasure to
2 honor him for his long and accomplished life; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
4 Legislature hereby honor Max Stool for his outstanding
5 contributions to his community, state, and nation and extend to him
6 sincere best wishes for continued success and happiness; and, be it
7 further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Mr. Stool as an expression of high regard by the Texas
10 House of Representatives.