By: Pitts H.R. No. 2667

RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
- 2 passing of Waxahachie resident Charlie E. Pace on January 18, 2009,
- 3 at the age of 85; and
- WHEREAS, Born in Somervell County on September 5, 1923,
- 5 Mr. Pace married the love of his life, Evelyn, in 1953; together
- 6 they shared more than half a century and raised a daughter, Janis;
- 7 and
- 8 WHEREAS, Mr. Pace served his country with distinction in
- 9 World War II as a member of the 78th Infantry, 311 Regiment, in the
- 10 European theater; he continued his military service for 25 years
- 11 with the Texas State Guard, retiring as a lieutenant colonel; and
- 12 WHEREAS, He started working in the grocery business when he
- 13 was only 14, and he went back to the work following the war; after
- 14 more than three decades of service with the Kroger Company, he
- 15 retired in 1986 and later went to work with Wayne Boze Funeral Home;
- 16 and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Pace was a valued member of the Waxahachie
- 18 community; president of Ellis County Christian Men's Fellowship
- 19 Breakfast and post commander of the JoVan Marchbanks American
- 20 Legion Post No. 137, he was also a charter member of the Waxahachie
- 21 Kiwanis Club, life member of the VFW, and member of the Zoning Board
- 22 of Adjustment for the City of Waxahachie; and
- WHEREAS, Active in University Assembly of God Church, he
- 24 served his fellow congregants as Sunday school superintendent,

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- 1 board member, and head usher; he also directed devotions for the
- 2 adult department, shared his time with the visitation and hospital
- 3 outreach ministries, and served as director of District Light for
- 4 the Lost for more than 17 years; and
- 5 WHEREAS, In his free time, Mr. Pace enjoyed visiting with his
- 6 family, tending to his well-groomed lawn, cheering on the Texas
- 7 Rangers, and going to the rodeo; and
- 8 WHEREAS, Charlie Pace was held in the highest regard by all
- 9 who knew him, and he leaves behind memories that will be forever
- 10 treasured by his family and friends; now, therefore, be it
- 11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
- 12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charlie E. Pace and
- 13 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
- 14 Evelyn Vaden Pace; to his daughter, Janis Gail Pace; to his
- 15 brothers, Verdie Pace and his wife, Wynell, and Marlin Pace and his
- 16 wife, Doris; to his sisters, Joy Mann and Eva Pace; and to his other
- 17 relatives and many friends; and, be it further
- 18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charlie E.
- 21 Pace.