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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Franklin
2 Jones, Jr., of Marshall, who died on December 18, 2008, at the age
3 of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was born in Marshall on April 24, 1931, to
5 William Franklin Jones, Sr., and Huldah Harrison Jones; he attended
6 New Mexico Military Institute and earned his bachelor's degree in
7 1952 and his law degree in 1954, both from The University of Texas;
8 and

9 WHEREAS, Admitted to the Texas Bar in 1953, Mr. Jones
10 returned to Marshall in 1954 and joined his father at the firm of
11 Jones & Jones, which was founded by his grandfather in 1891; he
12 worked there as a civil trial lawyer until the end of his life; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was very active in his profession, serving
14 as president of his local and regional bar associations; his long
15 history with the State Bar of Texas included service as director of
16 the Bar from 1967 to 1970, as vice president from 1970 to 1971, and
17 as the Bar's 100th president from 1980 to 1981; he served on many of
18 the organization's committees over the years, including three years
19 on the Supreme Court Grievance Oversight Committee and 18 years on
20 the Supreme Court Advisory Committee, and he was a member of the
21 Administration of Justice Committee and chair of the Group and
22 Prepaid Legal Services and Disciplinary Review Committees; in
23 addition, Mr. Jones belonged to the Texas Trial Lawyers
24 Association, the American Association for Justice, the American

1 Board of Trial Advocates, and the International Academy of Trial
2 Lawyers; and

3 WHEREAS, This committed legal professional was also a trustee
4 of the Texas Center for Legal Ethics and Professionalism and The
5 University of Texas Law School Foundation, and he was a Sustaining
6 Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation, a Life Fellow of the
7 American Bar Foundation, and a Fellow of the American College of
8 Trial Lawyers; his many contributions were recognized in 2004, when
9 he received the Outstanding 50-Year Lawyer Award from the Texas Bar
10 Foundation; moreover, he was named a Texas Super Lawyer for three
11 consecutive years from 2003 to 2005; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones was equally active with the American Bar
13 Association, serving as a State Bar delegate to the House of
14 Delegates and as a member of the Governing Council of the Litigation
15 Section; from 1987 to 1989, he served on the ABA Commission to
16 Improve the Liability Insurance System; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Jones participated in civic affairs as well and
18 served as chair of the Courthouse Preservation Council of Harrison
19 County; he was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and in
20 2002, he was recognized by the Marshall Chamber of Commerce as
21 Citizen of the Year; and

22 WHEREAS, Franklin Jones dedicated himself to the legal
23 profession and to his community, and he will be remembered with
24 admiration and affection by all those whose lives he touched; now,
25 therefore, be it

26 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
27 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Franklin Jones, Jr.,

1 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
2 son, Franklin Jones III, and his wife, Ronna; to his daughter, Terry
3 Bolger, and her husband, Mark; to his grandchildren, Bryan Bolger,
4 and Savannah, Tye, and Hallie Jones; to his two
5 great-grandchildren; to his sister, Jerene Winocour; to his nephew,
6 Jonathan Winocour; to his brother-in-law, George Francisco III, and
7 his wife, Trebie; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
8 further

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