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## 1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

- 2 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a longtime state official on
- 3 January 14, 2009, with the passing of Jess M. Irwin, Jr., a very
- 4 experienced and accomplished man of family and faith who served his
- 5 state and his country throughout his life; and
- 6 WHEREAS, A Texas native, Jess M. Irwin, Jr., was born
- 7 September 24, 1912, in Dallas and graduated from Oak Cliff High
- 8 School before beginning his career with the state; and
- 9 WHEREAS, He proudly served as an infantryman in the 232nd
- 10 Infantry Regiment, 42nd "Rainbow" Division in Europe during World
- 11 War II, where he experienced combat and witnessed the horror of the
- 12 Dachau concentration camp; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Irwin returned home to Texas after serving his
- 14 country to resume an illustrious career with the State of Texas that
- 15 included his involvement in the creation of the Legislative Budget
- 16 Board and service in a number of notable positions; and
- 17 WHEREAS, Mr. Irwin served as budget director for Governors
- 18 Allen Shivers and Price Daniel, executive director of the board for
- 19 Texas State Hospitals and Special Schools, commissioner of the
- 20 Texas Rehabilitation Commission, member of the board for the Texas
- 21 Rehabilitation Commission, member of the Surplus Property Board,
- 22 member of the Sunset Commission, and executive director of the
- 23 Texas State Government Economy and Efficiency Commission; and
- 24 WHEREAS, An accomplished state official with an unwavering

- 1 dedication to duty, Jess M. Irwin, Jr., set an admirable example of
- 2 service to one's country and state; through his love for Texas and
- 3 his honorable service in numerous positions with the state, he has
- 4 left Texas a better place; now, therefore, be it
- 5 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
- 6 hereby honor the life of Jess M. Irwin, Jr., and extend deepest
- 7 sympathy to his family, which he considered to be his greatest
- 8 success: his daughter and son-in-law, Sylvia and Charles Betts;
- 9 his son and daughter-in-law, Jess and Trudy Irwin; his
- 10 grandchildren, Kris Adrian; Ruthanne Betts; Desiny Villarreal and
- 11 her husband, John; Sarah Swanson and her husband, Chris; and Matt
- 12 Irwin; his three great-grandchildren, Hannah Adrian, Alex
- 13 Villarreal, and Clarissa Villarreal; and his other relatives and
- 14 many friends; and, be it further
- RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
- 16 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas
- 17 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do
- 18 so in memory of Jess M. Irwin, Jr.