

1 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

13 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

15 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.