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S.C.R. No. 1

1 SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

2 WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas honors and
3 commemorates the life of the Honorable John Nesbett Leedom, former
4 Texas Senator and Republican Party stalwart, who died May 31, 2011,
5 at the age of 89; and

6 WHEREAS, Senator Leedom served his community and state with
7 honor and distinction, both as a businessman and as a public
8 servant, and his many achievements set a sterling example which
9 have served as an inspiration to generations of Texans; and

10 WHEREAS, John Nesbett Leedom was born July 27, 1921, in
11 Dallas; he became an Eagle Scout as a young man and graduated from
12 Highland Park High School; he earned a degree in electrical
13 engineering from Rice University in 1943 and served the nation in
14 the United States Navy during World War II; and

15 WHEREAS, Senator Leedom was the cofounder and chief executive
16 officer of Wholesale Electronic Supply, Incorporated, in Dallas; he
17 was active in numerous professional organizations through the
18 years, including service as president of the National Electronic
19 Distributors Association and of the National Association of
20 Wholesaler-Distributors and as national director of the Young
21 Presidents Organization; and

22 WHEREAS, Senator Leedom played a vital role in the rebirth
23 and growth of the Republican Party in Texas, beginning with his
24 service as chair of the Dallas County Republican Party in the early

1 1960s and later as campaign chair for Congressman Jim Collins; in
2 1975, he was elected to the Dallas City Council, where he served two
3 terms and chaired the finance, public safety, and cable television
4 committees; and

5 WHEREAS, He was elected in 1980 to represent District 16 in
6 the Texas Senate, and he served five terms as a senator, retiring in
7 1996; he sponsored legislation that led to the creation of the Rainy
8 Day Fund, and in 1989, he served as President Pro Tempore of the
9 Senate; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Leedom was a devout Christian who practiced
11 his faith in his daily life; he was a trustee of Grace Bible Church,
12 and he often expressed his gratitude for having been able to serve
13 the public; and

14 WHEREAS, A man of vision, courage, and loyalty, he gave
15 generously to others, and his wisdom, his determination, and his
16 enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten
17 by those who knew him; and

18 WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather,
19 and although he will be deeply missed by his family and countless
20 friends, he will continue to live in their hearts and minds; now,
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas,
23 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the
24 bereaved family of the Honorable John Nesbett Leedom: Betty
25 Leedom, his loving wife of 56 years; Joanne Leedom Ackerman, Judy
26 Leedom Tyrer, Becky Trigg, Danny Kennedy, Linda Leedom Moore, and
27 John Leedom, Jr.; and his 12 grandchildren and six

1 great-grandchildren; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
3 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas
4 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do
5 so in memory of John Nesbett Leedom.