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1 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
- 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
- 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
- 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

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- 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.