

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Thomas Peter Whalen of Schertz, who passed away on July 30, 2010,
4 at the age of 87; and

5 WHEREAS, One of seven children, Tom Whalen was born on
6 December 3, 1922, in Hoboken, New Jersey, to Peter and Mary Goggin
7 Whalen; he enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1942 and spent more than
8 three years in the Pacific theater, serving mostly on the
9 minesweeper USS *YMS-365*; after World War II, he married the former
10 Rita Garille, with whom he would go on to raise six children,
11 Daniel, Christine, Mary, Philip, Regina, and Ken, and share more
12 than six decades; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Whalen reenlisted in the Navy in 1946, and
14 through the years, he was stationed in California, Saipan, Cuba,
15 Rhode Island, and Florida; trained as an electrician, he served on
16 the aircraft carrier USS *Shangri-La*, the ammunition ship USS *Mauna*
17 *Loa*, and the cargo ship USS *Jupiter*; he retired in 1964 with the
18 rank of Chief Petty Officer; and

19 WHEREAS, Along with his family, Mr. Whalen settled in Tampa,
20 Florida, where he worked as a journeyman electrician at Florida
21 Steel; in 1972, the Whalens moved to Schertz, and Mr. Whalen became
22 the maintenance supervisor at Structural Metals in Seguin; he had
23 several other jobs before retiring for good in his seventies; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Whalen was a longtime member of the Knights of

1 Columbus Council 6358; he was active in the group's charitable
2 works, served as Grand Knight in 1975, and eventually attained the
3 rank of Fourth Degree; moreover, he contributed his time and energy
4 as a volunteer at Brooke Army Medical Center for many years; among
5 his favorite pastimes were fishing, boating, and eating seafood at
6 the Texas coast; and

7 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Tom Whalen will
8 remember the way he touched their lives with his optimism, sense of
9 humor, and devotion to his family, and he will forever hold a
10 treasured place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
12 hereby pay tribute to the memory of Thomas Peter Whalen and extend
13 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife, Rita
14 Whalen; to his children, Daniel Whalen and his wife, Maureen Behan,
15 Christine Young and her husband, Michael, Mary Swift, Philip Whalen
16 and his wife, Daria, Regina Maxfield and her husband, Mike, and Ken
17 Whalen and his wife, Jackie; to his sister, Margaret Kurz; to his
18 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives
19 and friends; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
22 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
23 Tom Whalen.

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Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
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Castro	Jackson	Ritter
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Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
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Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
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Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

President of the Senate

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 120 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 19, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 120 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on April 19, 2011.

Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: _____

Date

Governor