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H.C.R. No. 131

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Howard Victor Reed of Austin passed away on March 5,
2 2011, at the age of 87, leaving his circle of family and friends
3 with many treasured memories of time spent in his company; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on April 5, 1923, in Brownsville, Howard Reed
5 was the son of Captain Wallace L. Reed and Ada Egly Reed, and he
6 enjoyed the companionship of one sister and five brothers; he
7 served with the U.S. Naval Air Corps during World War II until the
8 deaths of two of his brothers in the armed forces led to his
9 honorable discharge and return home as head of the household; and

10 WHEREAS, At the age of 21, Howard Reed sought his fortune in
11 Mexico, where he made the acquaintance of oilman Clint Murchison,
12 Sr.; the pair became joint investors in land and cattle ventures and
13 longtime business partners, as well as close personal friends; and

14 WHEREAS, A Renaissance man who maintained an avid interest in
15 ranching throughout his life, Mr. Reed was as comfortable in a
16 tuxedo as in boots and a cowboy hat; he supported countless
17 philanthropic endeavors as an anonymous donor, wanting no fanfare,
18 and he was deeply admired for his kindness, optimism, and honesty;
19 in addition, his outstanding abilities as a storyteller were a
20 continual source of delight; and

21 WHEREAS, Howard Reed exchanged vows with the former Cecelia
22 "Cis" Fernandez on January 1, 1949, and the couple shared 62
23 rewarding years of marriage; they became the parents of five
24 children, Leigh, Victoria, Howard, Carol, and Forrest, and they

1 watched with pride as their family grew to include six
2 grandchildren; and

3 WHEREAS, Howard Reed made an indelible impression on all who
4 were privileged to share in his love and friendship, and they will
5 forever carry him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas
7 hereby pay tribute to the life of Howard Victor Reed and extend
8 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Cecelia
9 Reed; to his children, Leigh Moore and her husband, Bobby, Victoria
10 Reed-Fenimore and her husband, Chet Fenimore, Howard Victor Reed,
11 Jr., and his wife, Kelli, Carol Reed, and Forrest Reed; to his
12 grandchildren, Courtney and Garrett Bramlett and Mary, Harrison,
13 Trace, and Clint Reed; to his brother, Roy Reed, and his wife,
14 JoAnne; to his sister, Sunshine Reed VanHolsbeke, and her husband,
15 Leon; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
16 further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
20 Howard Reed.