

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, May 27, 2011, marks the 50th anniversary of the  
2 election of John Tower as the Lone Star State's first Republican  
3 United States senator since Reconstruction; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Houston on September 29, 1925, John Goodwin  
5 Tower became active in the Republican Party when he was an assistant  
6 professor of political science at Midwestern University; he served  
7 as a delegate to the Republican National Convention in 1956, and in  
8 1960 his party nominated him to run for the U.S. Senate; and

9           WHEREAS, When Lyndon B. Johnson resigned from the senate to  
10 assume the vice presidency, Senator Tower won the seat in a special  
11 election on May 27, 1961; many hailed this event as heralding the  
12 advent of two-party politics in Texas; Senator Tower was reelected  
13 three times, and over the course of his 24-year career in Congress,  
14 he wielded enormous influence in a variety of domestic and foreign  
15 policy issues, particularly through his service on powerful banking  
16 committees and on the Senate Armed Services Committee; moreover, he  
17 took a leadership role in Republican politics at the state and  
18 national level; after retiring from the U.S. Senate in 1985, he went  
19 on to serve as the nation's chief negotiator at the Strategic Arms  
20 Reduction Talks in Geneva, and he led the group known as the Tower  
21 Commission in an investigation of the Iran-Contra affair; and

22           WHEREAS, Senator John Tower perished in a commuter plane  
23 crash in 1991, but his accomplishments have resonated through the  
24 years, and his election to the U.S. Senate continues to be regarded

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1 as a turning point in the political history of Texas; now,  
2 therefore, be it

3           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
4 Legislature hereby commemorate the 50th anniversary of John Tower's  
5 election to the United States Senate.

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Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
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
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 5 was adopted by the House on May 29, 2011, by a non-record vote.

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Chief Clerk of the House