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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the loss of Allyn Paul
2 Roussel of New Orleans, Louisiana, who died on November 4, 2010, at
3 the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, Allyn Roussel was born in Lutcher, Louisiana, on
5 March 16, 1918, to Neva Bourgeois Roussel and Arthur Joseph
6 Roussel, Sr.; at St. Aloysius High School, he boxed and played on
7 the baseball and football teams, earning the nickname "Rock" for
8 being "as sturdy as the Rock of Gibraltar" on the gridiron; after
9 high school, he attended Loyola University; and

10 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Roussel
11 served as a seaman first class in the U.S. Coast Guard during World
12 War II; in 1943, he was joined in matrimony to the former Claire
13 Wright, and together they were blessed with three children, five
14 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren; and

15 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Roussel became a businessman, and
16 for almost half a century he owned and operated automotive service
17 stations in the Gretna, Belle Chasse, and Algiers neighborhoods of
18 New Orleans; he was active in his profession as a member of the
19 board of directors of the Service Station Association of Louisiana
20 and a member of the Texaco Dealer Advisory Board; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Roussel attended St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic
22 Church and was a member of Santa Maria Council No. 1724 of the
23 Knights of Columbus, which recognized him with the Family of the
24 Month Award in 1998 and the Gold Knight Award in 2004; he continued

1 to honor his military service as a member of American Legion Post
2 218; and

3 WHEREAS, "Rock" Roussel lived a caring and purposeful life,
4 and he will forever be remembered with deep affection by all who
5 held him close to their hearts; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Allyn Paul Roussel and
8 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his wife
9 of 67 years, Claire Wright Roussel; to his children, Allyn Paul
10 "Rocky" Roussel, Jr., Wright Jude Roussel and his wife, Johanna,
11 and Magdalita Roussel; to his grandchildren, Kimberly Ann Roussel
12 Alexi and her husband, Kevin, Shawn M. Roussel, Jason S. Roussel,
13 Brian P. Roussel, and Jaime Marie Marcel Kiss and her husband,
14 Robert; to his great-grandchildren, Darrik Roussel, Chase Alexi,
15 and Robert Kiss III; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his
18 family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns
19 this day, it do so in honor of Allyn Paul Roussel.