

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life made rich through meaningful service drew to
2 a close when Leo Raymond Vrana of Corpus Christi passed away on
3 February 20, 2011, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Leo Vrana was born in Moravia, Texas, on March 21,
5 1921, the fourth of six children of Ignac and Millie Vrana; he
6 graduated from Robstown High School in 1938 and went on to join the
7 U.S. Navy; and

8 WHEREAS, This distinguished veteran survived the attack on
9 Pearl Harbor and earned a number of honors for his courageous
10 service, including the Asiatic Pacific Theater Campaign Ribbon with
11 six bronze battle stars, American Defense Service Medal, American
12 Campaign Medal, WWII Victory Medal, WWII Navy Occupation Service
13 Medal, and Philippine Liberation Medal with two bronze stars; he
14 was also awarded the Good Conduct medal and the Presidential Unit
15 Citation for the Leyte Gulf surface engagement; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Vrana returned to civilian life in 1946 and
17 became a valued part of his father's construction business in
18 Robstown; active in his community and faith, he participated in the
19 Boy Scouts of America, Knights of Columbus, Society of St. Vincent
20 de Paul, Equestrian Order of the Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem, Pearl
21 Harbor Survivors Association, and Veterans of Foreign Wars; and

22 WHEREAS, Above all else, Mr. Vrana enjoyed spending time with
23 his loved ones; he shared 63 years of marriage with his wife,
24 Henrietta, and together they raised four children, Suzanne, Mary,

1 Steve, and Greg; and

2 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, his country, and his
3 community, Leo Vrana made a positive difference in many lives, and
4 he will be fondly remembered for years to come; now, therefore, be
5 it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Leo Raymond Vrana
8 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
9 wife, Henrietta Prochaska Vrana; to his children, Suzanne Vrana,
10 Mary Shafer and her husband, Mark, Steve Vrana, and Greg Vrana; to
11 his grandchildren, Valerie Collins and her husband, Chris, and
12 Megan Shafer; to his great-grandchildren, Eric Shafer and Olivia
13 Collins; to his sister, Georgia Blumberg; and to his other
14 relatives and friends; and, be it further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leo Raymond
18 Vrana.

Scott

H.R. No. 854

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 854 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 31, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House