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H.R. No. 1349

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of Paul Oliver Naut of Katy, who passed away on April 3, 2011, at the
4 age of 89; and

5 WHEREAS, Paul Naut was born on September 1, 1921, in Sedan,
6 Kansas, to Oliver and Marie Naut; in 1929 he moved with his family
7 to Canada following the discovery of oil in Alberta; after high
8 school, he joined the military and had the distinction of serving in
9 the Aleutian Campaign, which included the only battle waged on U.S.
10 soil during World War II; and

11 WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the military, Mr. Naut
12 enrolled at the University of Oklahoma, where he earned a bachelor
13 of science degree in petroleum engineering; he then launched a
14 distinguished career in the oil industry that would take him to
15 locations around the world, beginning with an overseas assignment
16 to Venezuela while working for Creole Oil; he went on to become a
17 valued employee of Exxon for nearly 25 years and helped the company
18 develop oil and gas fields in countries that included Australia,
19 Libya, and Pakistan; after retiring from Exxon, he became a
20 Houston-based consultant, and for another 25 years he continued to
21 travel the globe, sharing his knowledge and expertise with
22 countless people; and

23 WHEREAS, While working in Venezuela, Mr. Naut met his wife,
24 the former Musabelle Coons; the couple wed in Biloxi, Mississippi,

1 and they enjoyed a rewarding marriage together until her passing in
2 2001; he was also blessed with four children, Lisa, Matthew,
3 Edward, and Christopher, as well as six grandchildren; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Naut settled in Katy for retirement; in his
5 spare time, he enjoyed dotting on his grandchildren and telling
6 colorful stories from his lifetime of work and travel; and

7 WHEREAS, While the death of Paul Naut brings great sadness to
8 his family and friends, he leaves behind a rich legacy that will
9 long be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be
10 it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Paul Oliver Naut and
13 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
14 children, Lisa Gilkeson and her husband, David, Matthew Naut and
15 his wife, Batiti Otirake, and Edward Naut and his wife, LouAnn; to
16 his grandchildren, Christopher, Paul, Mary, Taruru, Bakoaiti, and
17 Joseph; and to his other family and friends; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Paul Naut.