

By: Weber

H.R. No. 2150

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Pearland and Brazoria County lost a
2 devoted community leader with the passing of Thomas Patton
3 Alexander, Sr., on September 26, 2010, at the age of 83; and

4 WHEREAS, Tom Alexander was born in Galveston on December 29,
5 1926, to Charles Hansborough and Helen Drysdale Alexander; he
6 attended Alvin schools before serving in the U.S. Merchant Marine
7 from 1944 to 1946; he later studied at Shriner Institute, Texas A&M
8 University, and Baylor University; and

9 WHEREAS, Settling in Pearland in 1949, Mr. Alexander began a
10 long and successful career in business, working in real estate, the
11 petroleum industry, and rice farming; he helped to develop the
12 Golfcrest Country Club and the city's Nottingham and Alexander
13 Landing neighborhoods; and

14 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman further contributed to the
15 area as a signer of the city's charter in the 1950s and as an
16 original member of the Pearland City Council and the Pearland
17 Volunteer Fire Department; in addition, his leadership benefited
18 the Pearland Chamber of Commerce, the Golfcrest Country Club, the
19 Pearland YMCA, and the Pearland State Bank, which he served as a
20 board member for 40 years; and

21 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Alexander was an avid
22 baseball fan who supported the Pearland Little League and followed
23 the fortunes of the Houston Astros; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Alexander enjoyed the love and support of his

1 wife, the former Bettye Garrett Mathis, whom he married in the late
2 1940s; together they shared a fulfilling marriage and were blessed
3 with four children, Harriett, Cynthia, Diana, and Thomas, as well
4 as seven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; Mr.
5 Alexander was a member of Pearland Methodist Church; and

6 WHEREAS, Tom Alexander dedicated his life to the betterment
7 of Pearland, and he will forever be remembered for his outstanding
8 efforts in behalf of his fellow residents; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Thomas Patton
11 Alexander, Sr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of
12 his family: to his wife, Bettye Alexander; to his children,
13 Harriett Alexander Holmes and her husband, Allen, Cynthia Elizabeth
14 Alexander, Diana Alexander Holzhauser and her husband, Dennis, and
15 Thomas Patton Alexander, Jr., and his wife, Rosslyn; to his
16 grandchildren, Marylyn Reed, Alex Holmes, Amy Williams, Jason
17 Alexander, Sloan Speck, Kevin Alexander, and Harrison Speck; to his
18 great-grandchildren, Luke Holmes, Henry Holmes, Samuel Williams,
19 Nicholas Hubbard, Chase Alexander, Kiley Alexander, and Luke
20 Alexander; to his brother, Jud Alexander; to his sisters, Mary
21 Alexander Bartlett, Sue Alexander Morrison, Patricia Alexander
22 Wood, and Elizabeth Alexander Nisbet; and to his other relatives
23 and friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Thomas
27 Patton Alexander, Sr.