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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 death of Clayton Eugene Reynolds of North Richland Hills on  
3 February 14, 2011, at the age of 83; and

4           WHEREAS, Gene Reynolds was born in Arlington on  
5 April 19, 1927; on graduating from Handley High School in 1943, he  
6 answered his nation's call to duty and enlisted in the U.S. Navy; he  
7 shipped out aboard the USS *Nashville* on his 17th birthday; and

8           WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the armed forces,  
9 Mr. Reynolds went to work with the Texas Highway Department as a  
10 surveyor; in 1950, he joined the Texas Bitulithic Company, where he  
11 earned a steady series of promotions, becoming manager of the Fort  
12 Worth Division in 1965, vice president of Texas Bitulithic in 1974,  
13 and president of Gulf Bitulithic Company in 1977; after retiring  
14 from the latter post in 1982, he partnered with his son Gary to  
15 develop Reynolds Asphalt and Construction Company, serving as vice  
16 president and chief consultant; he was active in the Associated  
17 General Contractors of Texas and the Texas Good Roads and  
18 Transportation Association, and he sat on the board of directors  
19 for the Texas Hot Mix Asphalt Pavement Association; and

20           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan was an ordained deacon and a  
21 valued congregant of North Fort Worth Baptist Church; in addition,  
22 he was a Master Mason with the Handley Masonic Lodge and the Fort  
23 Worth Scottish Rite, as well as an honorary life member of the  
24 Moslah Shrine Motor Corps and a past president of its Golf Unit;

1 moreover, he was a life member and Ceremonial Master of the Royal  
2 Order of Jesters Fort Worth Court No. 32; Mr. Reynolds took a  
3 special interest in helping the children at the Masonic Home and  
4 School in Fort Worth; and

5 WHEREAS, Gene Reynolds shared a rewarding marriage of 62  
6 years with his wife, Jane; they wed in 1948 and were blessed with  
7 three children, Terry, Gary, and Rodney, as well as three  
8 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; in his free time, he  
9 enjoyed playing golf and traveling with his wife; and

10 WHEREAS, While the death of Gene Reynolds brings great  
11 sadness to his family and friends, he leaves behind a rich legacy of  
12 achievement that will long be treasured by all those who held him  
13 dear; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Clayton Eugene  
16 Reynolds and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
17 family: to his wife, Jane Reynolds; to his sons and  
18 daughters-in-law, Terry and Debbie Reynolds, Gary and Debbie  
19 Reynolds, and Rodney Reynolds; to his grandsons, Ryan and Clay  
20 Reynolds and David Homer; to his great-grandchildren, Tori, Gage,  
21 Connor, and Laurel Reynolds and Britni Homer; to his sister, Thelma  
22 Walters; to his brother, Dale Reynolds; 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 Gene  
27 Reynolds.