

By: Fletcher

H.R. No. 2384

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 Teddy A. Klein of Tomball on May 6, 2011, at the age of 87;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Teddy Klein was born in Spring on December 9, 1923,
5 to Alex and Rosa Klein; he graduated from Tomball High School and
6 The University of Texas at Austin, where he was a member of the Navy
7 ROTC, served as president of the Phi Kappa Sigma fraternity, and was
8 part of Beta Gamma Sigma, the University Men's Glee Club, the Silver
9 Spurs, and the Longhorn Band; and

10 WHEREAS, Following his graduation, Mr. Klein was
11 commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy, serving for 18 months
12 during World War II; he was a gunnery officer on Admiral William
13 Halsey's flagship, the USS *New Jersey* BB-62, and participated in
14 the Iwo Jima and Okinawa campaigns; and

15 WHEREAS, Along with his beloved wife, Leora Klein, who
16 preceded him in death, he owned Klein Funeral Homes and Memorial
17 Parks, a business that had been founded by his father; widely
18 respected by his peers, he was a member of the board of the National
19 Selected Morticians; his civic contributions included service as
20 president of the Tomball Chamber of Commerce and Rotary Club and as
21 a member of the Tomball Independent School District Board of
22 Trustees; in recognition of his accomplishments, he was honored as
23 Tomball Citizen of the Year in 1971; and

24 WHEREAS, Mr. Klein was a lifelong member of the Lutheran

1 faith; he was a former chair of Zion Lutheran Church and belonged to
2 the board of elders at Salem Lutheran Church; in addition, he was a
3 member of the board of missions of the Texas District of the
4 Lutheran Church, the Lutheran Hospital Board of Houston, and the
5 Good Samaritan Lutheran Home board, which he helped to found; and

6 WHEREAS, A devoted family man as well as an admired business
7 and community leader, Teddy Klein will be deeply missed, and
8 memories of his kind and generous nature will be forever cherished
9 by all who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Teddy A. Klein and
12 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
13 children, Margaret Cummings, Mark Klein and his wife, Jacqueline,
14 Martha Davis and her husband, Gary, and Matt Klein and his wife,
15 Kim; to his grandchildren, Stephanie Ashmore and her husband,
16 David, Lauren Vogel and her husband, Tom, Angela Blevins and her
17 husband, Mason, Heather Jacobs and her husband, Justin, and Hunter,
18 Allie, and Leslie Klein; to his great-grandchildren, Lillian and
19 McCallan Vogel and Alexander Ashmore; to his siblings, Margie
20 Fredrick and her husband, Jim, Rosalie Nelson, Robert Klein and his
21 wife, Ruthie, Shirley Harrington and her husband, Hap, A. B. Klein
22 and his wife, Elsa, Ida Malina and her husband, Joseph, and Milow
23 Klein and his wife, Rhonda; and to his other relatives and friends;
24 and, be it further

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

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