By: Anderson of McLennan

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## RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were greatly saddened by the 2 passing of James Stephen Odom of McGregor on April 24, 2011, at the 3 age of 68; and

WHEREAS, The son of Clethen and Clemmie Ima Odom, James Odom was born on March 6, 1943, in Houston and was educated in the local schools; he answered his nation's call to duty and served for four years as a member of the United States Air Force; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Odom was a source of comfort and calm advice to 9 his loved ones, and he took great pride in Deborah Istre, his 10 daughter, and in Shane and Justin Druppel, whom he helped raise and 11 considered his sons; and

12 WHEREAS, A resident of Oglesby for nearly three decades, Mr. 13 Odom was employed as a welder with Unique Machine Shop, and he moved 14 to McGregor several years before his death; in his free time, he 15 enjoyed hunting and fishing; and

16 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known James Odom will 17 remember the way he touched their lives with his warmth and 18 kindness, and he will forever hold a treasured place in their 19 hearts; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas 21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of James Stephen Odom 22 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his 23 daughter, Deborah Istre; to his brother, John Adams; to Shane and 24 Justin Druppel; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it

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1 further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be 3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of 4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James Odom.