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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories  
2 of Melvyn E. Drake of Waco, who passed away on May 5, 2011, at the  
3 age of 87; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Rosebud to James and Reba Drake on March 28,  
5 1924, Mel Drake graduated from high school in Ft. Worth and attended  
6 Texas Christian University; he served in the United States Army Air  
7 Corps during World War II and retired from State Farm Insurance in  
8 1999 after a career as a local agent; and

9 WHEREAS, He was preceded in death by the love of his life, the  
10 former Betty Graham, with whom he enjoyed 64 years of marriage;  
11 together, they raised four daughters, and with the passing years  
12 the family grew to include eight grandchildren and six  
13 great-grandchildren; Mr. Drake was a member of Central Christian  
14 Church in Waco and volunteered in the cardio surgical department  
15 with the Providence Hospital Auxiliary; and

16 WHEREAS, Mel Drake enjoyed a life that was filled with  
17 meaningful accomplishments, and he is deeply missed by all those  
18 who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Melvyn E. Drake and  
21 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
22 daughters, Sherry Ricks and her husband, Henry, Jan Jolly and her  
23 husband, Allen, Joan Drake, and Tracy Bussey; to his grandchildren,  
24 David Graves, Lindsay Turner, James Maguire, Caitlin Maguire,

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1 Jordan Drake, Marley Goodwin, and Luke Bussey; to his six  
2 great-grandchildren; to his sister, Joyce Norwood, and her husband,  
3 Joe; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

4       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
5 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
6 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Melvyn E.  
7 Drake.