

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A life filled with memorable experiences and
2 meaningful accomplishments drew to a close with the passing of
3 Thomas David Venable of Waco on May 3, 2011, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Thurber on April 21, 1930, Mr. Venable
5 graduated from Gordon High School and worked at a local bank before
6 joining the United States Air Force in 1952; he spent most of his
7 military career at Barksdale Air Force Base in Shreveport,
8 Louisiana, and attained the rank of staff sergeant; he later moved
9 to Waco, where he was employed at Caldwell Electric as an electric
10 motor serviceman and welder; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Venable was joined in marriage with the former
12 Frances Federwisch in 1963, and they raised one daughter, Delores;
13 the couple enjoyed more than three decades together before Mrs.
14 Venable passed away; and

15 WHEREAS, A man of many interests, Mr. Venable was an avid
16 music fan and treasured his memory of seeing a very young Elvis
17 Presley perform on the Louisiana Hayride in the mid-1950s; he also
18 took great pleasure in hunting and fishing and in following women's
19 sports, particularly the Baylor Lady Bears basketball team; his
20 greatest joy, however, came in spending time with his loved ones,
21 and he was known for his willingness to assist his family and
22 friends in any way he could; and

23 WHEREAS, Thomas Venable possessed a generosity of spirit that
24 expressed itself in myriad ways, and countless lives were enriched

1 by his warmth and kindness; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas David Venable
4 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his
5 daughter, Delores Hansen; to his sister-in-law, Barb Venable
6 Cotton; to his nieces, Karla Roberson and Kelli Dooley; to his
7 great-nieces and great-nephews; and to his other relatives and
8 friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Thomas
12 Venable.

Anderson of McLennan

H.R. No. 2749

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2749 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 30, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House