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H.C.R. No. 8

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The 90th birthday of an esteemed Texan is truly  
2 cause for celebration, and James Oran McCorquodale of Austin is  
3 reaching that impressive milestone on October 4, 2013; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Midway, "Corky" McCorquodale grew up on  
5 his grandparents' farm, where he helped with a variety of chores; he  
6 moved to Conroe at age 16, graduated from the local high school in  
7 1940, and became the first in his family to attend college; he  
8 studied liberal arts at Southwestern University until 1943, when he  
9 answered his nation's call to arms during World War II; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. McCorquodale enlisted in the U.S. Navy, and in  
11 1944 he was commissioned an ensign at Northwestern University; as a  
12 first gunnery officer on USS 449, *Beach Lizard*, he commanded a  
13 section of the ship's armory and helped deliver supplies and  
14 retrieve wounded soldiers from several major battlefields in the  
15 Pacific theater, including Guam, Iwo Jima, and Okinawa; at war's  
16 end, he returned to school and completed his degree, later  
17 returning to active duty for a time during the Korean War; and

18 WHEREAS, Sharing a rewarding marriage with the former Beverly  
19 Joyce "Jobo" Hobbs since 1950, Mr. McCorquodale is the proud father  
20 of three children, James "Jimmy" Reagan, Kenneth "Kenny" Lee, and  
21 Teresa "T" Ann, and today his family also includes eight adored  
22 grandchildren; and

23 WHEREAS, Through the years, Mr. McCorquodale held such  
24 diverse jobs as host of "Corky's Kountry Korner" at KMOX Radio in

1 Conroe, manager of the Austin Club, and artist and salesperson for  
2 the Whitley Printing Company in Austin; and

3 WHEREAS, This remarkable gentleman continues to delight his  
4 friends and loved ones with his charm, wit, and generous spirit, and  
5 it is a pleasure to join in honoring him on nine decades of life well  
6 lived; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the 83rd Legislature of the State of Texas,  
8 2nd Called Session, hereby congratulate James Oran McCorquodale on  
9 his 90th birthday and extend to him heartfelt best wishes for  
10 continued happiness; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12 prepared for Mr. McCorquodale as an expression of high regard by  
13 the Texas House of Representatives and Senate.