

By: Hunter

H.R. No. 277

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Edmond John Ford, Jr., of Corpus Christi on January 21,
3 2013, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Lawrence, Massachusetts, on January 28,
5 1918, Ed Ford was the son of Edmond and Grace Ford; he was a standout
6 track and field athlete at Phillips Academy in Andover, and his
7 strong academic record earned him acceptance to Harvard University,
8 where he played for the football team and graduated cum laude; and

9 WHEREAS, In 1942, he exchanged vows with the former Marie
10 Roberta "Bobbe" Welder; after Mr. Ford earned his law degree from
11 Harvard, he and his wife relocated to her family's ranch north of
12 Taft, Texas, which he later operated; together for seven decades,
13 they were blessed with two daughters, Helen and Grace, and with the
14 passing years, they had the pleasure of seeing their family grow to
15 include 10 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; and

16 WHEREAS, Mr. Ford proudly served his country as a captain in
17 the U.S. Army from 1942 until 1945, during which time he trained
18 pilots and established flight instrument courses in Bryan and
19 Lubbock; after the war, he began his career in law, specializing in
20 real estate, oil, and business deals, and served as a judge in the
21 early 1960s; a prominent community leader, he co-chartered the Bank
22 of Corpus Christi, which later became IBC Bank, and served as its
23 chair; he also served as president of the Corpus Christi Country
24 Club, the Corpus Christi Town Club, and the Corpus Christi Pops

1 Concert Association and as vice president of the Corpus Christi
2 Symphony Society; and

3 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, this dynamic Texan enjoyed
4 traveling the world with his wife, typically with a few of their
5 grandchildren in tow, and he counted golfing, playing cards, and
6 making trips to the greyhound racetrack among his hobbies; a member
7 of the King's Men in Corpus Christi's traditional Buccaneer Days
8 celebration, he is best remembered for delivering entertaining
9 toasts and for being selected as King Alonso XXX during the 1983
10 coronation ceremony; he cultivated many close friendships
11 throughout his life and often entertained his loved ones by
12 reciting poems, songs, and quotes from memory; and

13 WHEREAS, Known for his integrity, generosity, and devotion to
14 his family, Ed Ford leaves behind a legacy that will forever be
15 treasured by all who were fortunate to know him; now, therefore, be
16 it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Edmond John Ford, Jr.,
19 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
20 wife, Bobbe Ford; to his daughters, Helen Allen and her husband,
21 R. C., and Grace Powers and her husband, Jack; to his
22 grandchildren, Lizzie Holmes, Janet Allen, Ford Allen and his wife,
23 Bea, James Allen, Jack Powers and his wife, Jettie, Roberta Wallace
24 and her husband, Trey, Kyle Cromwell and her husband, Charles,
25 Edmond Powers, Willie Powers and his wife, Catherine, and Tim
26 Powers and his wife, Julia; to his 12 great-grandchildren; and to
27 his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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