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R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The life of a respected public servant,  
2 entrepreneur, and family man drew to a close with the passing of  
3 E. C. Locklear on March 2, 2013, at the age of 87; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of El Dorado, Arkansas, E. C. Locklear was  
5 born to Dewey and Sarah Locklear on April 4, 1925; he grew up in Arp,  
6 Texas, and met his future wife, Hazel Nina Hune, when both were  
7 still children; they were married in 1943, shortly before he  
8 entered the United States Army; he served in the  
9 European-African-Middle Eastern theater during World War II and  
10 then took part in the occupation of Japan as part of the 24th  
11 Infantry Division; while stationed in Japan, he played tackle for  
12 his division's football team and was named an all-star for his  
13 outstanding performance; after returning to the United States, he  
14 was recalled to active duty during the Korean War and ably served  
15 his nation in that conflict; and

16           WHEREAS, Mr. Locklear went on to pursue a career in law  
17 enforcement and graduated from Texas Highway Patrol Training School  
18 in 1954; assigned to a duty station in Kermit, he patrolled about  
19 500 miles of state and county roads in Winkler and Loving Counties,  
20 often as the only highway patrol officer in the area; he earned his  
21 scuba diving certification in order to assist with search and  
22 rescue missions and later patrolled the roads around Fort Stockton;  
23 a prominent figure in the region, he was known for his trademark  
24 sunglasses and cigar, and he earned a reputation as a tough but fair

1 officer of the law; and

2           WHEREAS, After retiring from the Texas Department of Public  
3 Safety, Mr. Locklear was twice elected as county judge in Winkler  
4 County, serving for a total of eight years; he moved to Del Rio in  
5 1979 and operated Fisherman's Headquarters, and he made many  
6 friends among anglers and local fishing guides; in the later years  
7 of his life, he divided his time between Del Rio and his property in  
8 the Davis Mountains, an area he dearly loved for its beauty and  
9 tranquility as well as for the fellowship he enjoyed at Davis  
10 Mountain Community Church; and

11           WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Locklear was supported  
12 by a loving family, which included his wife, Hazel, and his  
13 daughters, Nina and Susan; and

14           WHEREAS, E. C. Locklear possessed a strength of character  
15 and a generosity of spirit that won him the admiration of many  
16 people, and he is deeply missed by all those whose lives were  
17 enriched by his love and friendship; now, therefore, be it

18           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of E. C. Locklear and  
20 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
21 Hazel Locklear; to his daughters, Nina Earles and her husband,  
22 Leon, and Susan Meek; to his grandchildren, Donita Bowden and her  
23 husband, Thomas, Brian Earles and his wife, Kameron, and Patrick  
24 Earles and his wife, Caroline; to his great-grandchildren, Cheyenne  
25 Jordan and Annaka Earles; and to his other relatives and friends;  
26 and, be it further

27           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of  
3 E. C. Locklear.