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 Gervais William Straker, Sr., of Houston on July 28,
3 2012, at the age of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, A Houston native, Gervais Straker was born on
5 January 31, 1921, to Rose and Emil Straker; he enjoyed a successful
6 career with Conoco Oil Company, and he retired after 45 years of
7 dedicated service; and

8 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Straker enjoyed the
9 support of his wife, Martha Jane, who predeceased him; he was
10 blessed with four children, Linda, Gervais, Paul, and Patrick, and
11 over the passing years, he took great joy in welcoming into his
12 family nine grandchildren and four great-grandchildren; and

13 WHEREAS, Gervais Straker treasured the time he spent in the
14 company of his family and friends, and those he leaves behind will
15 in turn cherish their memories of this kind and caring man; now,
16 therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
18 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Gervais William
19 Straker, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
20 family: to his children, Linda Scarborough and her husband, Alan,
21 Gervais Straker, Jr., and his wife, Joni, Paul Straker and his wife,
22 Shawn, and Patrick Straker and his wife, Janice; to his
23 grandchildren, Kenneth Farguson, Justin Straker and his wife, Jeri,
24 Erin Arthur and her husband, Tristan, Pamela, Elizabeth, Zoe, and

1 Jake Straker, and Charley and Sarah Bridges; to his

2 great-grandchildren, Dylan Farguson, William and Madysin Straker,

3 and Lucas Arthur; and to his many other relatives and friends; and,

4 be it further

5   RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Gervais

8 William Straker, Sr.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1738 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 1, 2013.

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Chief Clerk of the House