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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 Leslie Gerald Walker, Jr., of Houston on March 12, 2013,
3 at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Les Walker was born in Maryville, Tennessee, on
5 August 14, 1927, to Leslie and Marguerite Walker; he graduated from
6 Maryville High School and attended Maryville College for a year
7 before joining the army and serving with the occupation forces in
8 Germany in the aftermath of World War II; after his discharge, he
9 earned a degree from the University of Tennessee and then joined the
10 army once again; during his second enlistment, he attended Officer
11 Candidate School and served as a paratrooper and jumpmaster; and

12 WHEREAS, Following his return to civilian life, Mr. Walker
13 embarked on a notable career in the insurance industry; he spent 37
14 years with Liberty Mutual Insurance and rose to become a district
15 manager, based in Houston; after a brief retirement, he worked for
16 another 15 years with Adams Insurance Agency; and

17 WHEREAS, Les Walker met Martha Hughes at a family retreat on
18 the Warrior River in Alabama in 1957, and the couple were married a
19 year later; they became the proud parents of two sons, Charles and
20 Michael; and

21 WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Walker enjoyed reading
22 books about World War II and visiting war-related sites in Europe;
23 he also vacationed with his family on numerous occasions in Gulf
24 Shores, Alabama, and along Buffalo National River in Arkansas, as

1 well as overseas; and

2 WHEREAS, Les Walker treasured the time he spent in the
3 company of his family and friends, and those he leaves behind will
4 in turn cherish their memories of this kind and caring man; now,
5 therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Leslie Gerald
8 Walker, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his
9 family: to his wife, Martha Walker; to his sons, Charles and Michael
10 Walker; to his sister, Jean Smith; and to his other relatives and
11 friends; and, be it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
14 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Leslie
15 Gerald Walker, Jr.