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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The loved ones of U.S. Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant
2 (Ret.) Thomas George Shippey of Holly Lake Ranch were greatly
3 saddened by his passing on April 4, 2013, at the age of 77; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Grand Prairie on October 28, 1935, to George
5 and Janie Shippey, Tom Shippey attended Tyler Junior College before
6 joining the Federal Bureau of Investigation in Washington, D.C.; he
7 went on to enlist in the United States Marine Corps in 1959, and his
8 distinguished military tenure, which included two tours of duty in
9 Vietnam, spanned 26 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Shippey settled in Holly Lake Ranch following
11 his retirement; active in a number of worthwhile endeavors, he
12 served on the board of directors of the Hawkins/Holly Lake Veterans
13 Memorial and shared his time with the local Republican Club, Men's
14 Golf Association, and Historical Society; he was also a charter
15 member and three-term president of the Holly Lake Ranch Kiwanis
16 Club, and his exceptional leadership earned him selection as
17 lieutenant governor for District 34; and

18 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Shippey enjoyed the
19 love and support of his wife of 50 years, Jan, and he took pride in a
20 fine family that included two sons, Tim and Bryan, and three
21 grandchildren, Faith, Ellen, and Drew; and

22 WHEREAS, Tom Shippey lived a full and purposeful life, and
23 though he will be deeply missed, his legacy of service to his
24 country and his community will long resonate in the hearts of all

1 those fortunate enough to have known him; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of U.S. Marine Corps
4 Gunnery Sergeant (Ret.) Thomas George Shippey and extend sincere
5 sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Jan Shippey; to
6 his sons, Tim and his wife, Bridget, and Bryan and his wife, Sara;
7 to his grandchildren, Faith, Ellen, and Drew; and to his other
8 relatives and friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Sergeant
12 Tom Shippey.