

By: Flynn

H.R. No. 187

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Ralph M. Hall concluded his remarkable
2 tenure in the United States House of Representatives in January
3 2015, having served with distinction in the U.S. Congress for 34
4 years; and

5 WHEREAS, One of the longest serving members of the house,
6 Congressman Hall was first elected in 1980; he greatly benefited
7 his constituents through his tremendous dedication, and he earned a
8 well-deserved reputation in Congress as an effective legislator and
9 a statesman; the admired dean of the Texas delegation, he became the
10 oldest serving member in the history of the house on December 25,
11 2012; and

12 WHEREAS, This notable Texan served on the House Committee on
13 Science, Space, and Technology from the very beginning of his
14 congressional career, and he became its chair in 2011; in this role,
15 he worked to maintain the nation's preeminence in space, expand
16 energy resources, and promote science and technology research,
17 development, and education; moreover, he sought to ensure that
18 federal regulations were based on a solid scientific foundation; he
19 was named chair emeritus of the committee at the beginning of the
20 113th Congress, and he also served on the Energy and Commerce
21 Committee, the Energy and Power Subcommittee, and the Environment
22 and the Economy Subcommittee; and

23 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to public service, Congressman
24 Hall served as county judge of Rockwall County from 1950 to 1962,

1 and he was president of the State Judges and Commissioners
2 Association; in 1962, he won election to the Texas Senate, and he
3 served that body as president pro tempore from 1968 to 1969; and

4 WHEREAS, Ralph Hall was born in Fate in Rockwall County;
5 coming of age during World War II, he joined the United States Navy
6 and served as an aircraft carrier pilot from 1942 to 1945; after the
7 war, he completed his law degree at Southern Methodist University,
8 and he maintained a private law practice for many years;
9 additionally, he has been very active in the Rockwall business
10 community as president and chief executive officer of Texas
11 Aluminum Corporation, general counsel of Texas Extrusion Company,
12 and chair of Lakeside News; he was a founding member of Lakeside
13 National Bank and continues to serve as its chair; and

14 WHEREAS, Throughout his long record of public service, Ralph
15 Hall has demonstrated an unyielding commitment to his fellow
16 citizens, and although his colleagues in Washington, D.C., will
17 surely miss his wise counsel and wonderful sense of humor, his
18 outstanding leadership in Congress has made a lasting, positive
19 impact in the Lone Star State and in our nation; now, therefore, be
20 it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
22 Legislature hereby recognize the Honorable Ralph M. Hall for his
23 accomplishments as a member of the United States Congress and
24 extend to him sincere appreciation for his exemplary service; and,
25 be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for Congressman Hall as an expression of high regard by the
3 Texas House of Representatives.