

R E S O L U T I O N

1        WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Robert R. Payne of Leander on January 12, 2015, at the  
3 age of 76; and

4        WHEREAS, Bob Payne was born in Big Spring on November 19,  
5 1938; during World War II, he lived with his family in Pasadena,  
6 California, before returning to Texas; and

7        WHEREAS, In 1955, Mr. Payne joined the U.S. Navy, embarking  
8 upon an exemplary 25-year tenure in the military that included  
9 service at Guantanamo Bay Naval Base during the Cuban Missile  
10 Crisis and a combat tour with the U.S. Marines in Vietnam; in  
11 recognition of his valorous efforts, he received 63 decorations and  
12 commendations; and

13       WHEREAS, Mr. Payne married the former Edith Smith in 1962,  
14 and they lived in numerous locations around the world as he pursued  
15 his navy career; their son, Walter, was born in Annapolis,  
16 Maryland, and their daughter, Maria, was born in Scotland; and

17       WHEREAS, After retiring from the navy in 1979, Mr. Payne  
18 became the facilities manager at SAS Institute in Austin, where he  
19 worked for the next 23 years; a member of the International Facility  
20 Management Association, he edited its journal, and he likewise  
21 edited a Veterans Administration newsletter and *Cryptolog*, the  
22 newsmagazine of the Naval Cryptologic Veterans Association; he was  
23 also the coauthor of a book, *Earhart's Flight into Yesterday: The*  
24 *Facts Without the Fiction*; and

1           WHEREAS, Proud of his military service, Mr. Payne was an  
2 officer of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a member of the Military  
3 Officers Association of America, the American Legion, the Fleet  
4 Reserve Association, the Disabled American Veterans, and the  
5 Military Affairs Council of the Austin Chamber of Commerce;  
6 moreover, he performed volunteer work with Veterans Affairs offices  
7 in Temple and Cedar Park; and

8           WHEREAS, This respected community leader also contributed  
9 his time and talents to benefit the American Red Cross, Habitat for  
10 Humanity, and the Williamson County Republican Party; as a docent  
11 at the historic Williamson County Courthouse, he occasionally  
12 performed as Robert McAlpin Williamson, an early Texas lawmaker,  
13 and he was much in demand as a public speaker around Central Texas;  
14 and

15           WHEREAS, Bob Payne dedicated his life to serving his family,  
16 his community, and his nation, and he leaves behind a legacy of  
17 achievement that will continue to inspire all those who knew and  
18 loved him; now, therefore, be it

19           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Robert R. Payne and  
21 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
22 wife, Edith Payne; to his children, Walter and Maria; to his  
23 grandson, Robert; to his sisters, Zona Faye, Jackie, and Debbie;  
24 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

25           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
27 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert R.

H.R. No. 362

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 362 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 19, 2015.

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Chief Clerk of the House