

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Former U.S. Army lieutenant Ross Novelli Sr. of
2 Galveston has received the French Legion of Honor in recognition of
3 his meritorious service in France during World War II; and

4 WHEREAS, A graduate of Texas A&M University, Lieutenant
5 Novelli came ashore at Normandy with the 915th Field Artillery
6 Battalion of the 90th Infantry Division on the day after D-Day,
7 1944; and

8 WHEREAS, From that moment until the end of the war,
9 Lieutenant Novelli fought his way across Europe with his unit,
10 earning a Silver Star and helping to liberate France from years of
11 oppression and violence; and

12 WHEREAS, Now living in retirement in Galveston with his wife,
13 Pat, Mr. Novelli remains proud of his military service, hosting an
14 informal gathering of World War II veterans every week at his home
15 in Colony Park; and

16 WHEREAS, Ross Novelli endured the immeasurable hardships of
17 war with bravery and tenacity, and through his service he helped to
18 preserve the flame of liberty for millions of people; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
21 Legislature hereby congratulate Ross Novelli Sr. on his receipt of
22 the Legion of Honor and extend to him sincere appreciation for his
23 selfless and heroic efforts during a time of enormous peril; and, be
24 it further

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 397 was adopted by the House on
February 19, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House