

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close on March
2 17, 2015, with the passing of Lawrence John Del Papa Sr. of
3 Galveston at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on July 24, 1928, to Omero and Giorgina Del Papa
5 in Lucca, Italy, Lawrence Del Papa was the youngest of five
6 children; he moved with his family to Galveston in his youth and
7 graduated from Kirwin High School before earning a bachelor's
8 degree in business administration from St. Mary's University in
9 1950; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Del Papa had a notable career working in the
11 family business, Del Papa Distributing Company, which was
12 established by his father in 1910; prior to his retirement as chair
13 of the board in 2013, he encouraged expansion of the company's
14 territory and, today, the business is recognized as one of the most
15 successful and well-respected beer distributors in the country; and

16 WHEREAS, Active in a number of civic and professional
17 organizations, Mr. Del Papa served as director and vice president
18 of the Galveston Convention and Visitors Bureau, president of the
19 Wholesale Beer Distributors of Texas, and director emeritus of
20 Texas First Bank, among others; furthermore, he was generous in his
21 support of Catholic charities and education, and he was a lifelong
22 member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church; and

23 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Del Papa enjoyed the love
24 and support of his wife, Jo Ann, with whom he shared 64 years; he was

1 the proud father of two children, Laura and Larry, and he cherished
2 many special moments with his grandchildren, Caylin and L. J.; in
3 his free time, he enjoyed hosting friends and business associates
4 at his ranch in the Hill Country; and

5 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his
6 community, Lawrence Del Papa earned the respect and admiration of
7 all who were privileged to know him, and he will forever be a source
8 of inspiration to those he leaves behind; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Lawrence John Del
11 Papa Sr. and extend heartfelt condolences to the members of his
12 family: to his wife, Jo Ann Del Papa; to his children, Laura Del
13 Papa Murray and her husband, Diaz, and Lawrence J. Del Papa Jr. and
14 his wife, Joan; to his grandchildren, Caylin Del Papa and Lawrence
15 J. Del Papa III; and to his numerous other relatives and friends;
16 and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lawrence
20 Del Papa.

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H.R. No. 1898

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1898 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 7, 2015.

Chief Clerk of the House