

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, After 66 years of serving the residents of Longview,
2 Johnny Cace's Seafood and Steak House closed its doors on March 28,
3 2015, but this local institution has left generations of customers
4 with many happy memories; and

5 WHEREAS, The restaurant was founded in 1949 by John S. Cace
6 Jr., a Louisiana native; while growing up, Mr. Cace worked with his
7 father, who fished and cultivated oysters, and helped his parents
8 in their seafood market and restaurant; he also learned to cook a
9 wide variety of seafood himself; and

10 WHEREAS, After serving for four years in the U.S. Army Air
11 Forces during World War II, Mr. Cace moved with his wife, the former
12 Valerie Savony, to Longview and opened a fine-dining seafood
13 restaurant that showcased his New Orleans-influenced cuisine; the
14 eatery quickly found success and was soon renovated to increase
15 capacity; in 1964, it was relocated to Marshall Avenue, where it was
16 eventually expanded to accommodate 450 diners; Mr. Cace was elected
17 president of both the Texas Restaurant Association and the Longview
18 Chamber of Commerce in 1966, and in 1992 he was named Man of the Year
19 by the Longview Federated Clubs; and

20 WHEREAS, In the early 1980s, Mr. Cace handed over the
21 operation of the family business to his son Gerard Cace and his
22 wife, Cathy, and she continued running the restaurant with their
23 daughters, Chelsea and Jenni, after her husband's passing in 2012;
24 the founder's other two sons, John Cace III and Danny Cace, also

1 played active roles in the restaurant by serving on its board of
2 directors; and

3 WHEREAS, Over the years, Longview residents shared some of
4 the most joyful moments of their lives at the award-winning
5 restaurant, which routinely hosted anniversary, engagement, and
6 graduation celebrations and other special occasions; in tribute to
7 Johnny Cace and his contributions to the community, an official
8 Texas Historical Marker was dedicated at the site of the restaurant
9 in March 2015; and

10 WHEREAS, Although the closing of Johnny Cace's Seafood and
11 Steak House marks the end of an era in Longview, the Cace family may
12 indeed take great pride in the landmark status their restaurant
13 achieved during its long and illustrious history; now, therefore,
14 be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
16 Legislature hereby recognize Johnny Cace's Seafood and Steak House
17 for its many decades of service to its customers and extend to all
18 those associated with the restaurant sincere best wishes for the
19 future; and, be it further

20 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
21 prepared for the Cace family as an expression of high regard by the
22 Texas House of Representatives.

Simpson

H.R. No. 2162

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2162 was adopted by the House on May 21, 2015, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House