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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close on August  
2 14, 2013, with the death of Jean Mills Worsham of Houston at the age  
3 of 91; and

4 WHEREAS, Jean Worsham was born in Houston on December 5,  
5 1921, to Annie Lee Mills Worsham and Jesse Lee Worsham Sr.; he was a  
6 member of the second graduating class at Mirabeau B. Lamar High  
7 School, and he went on to earn a bachelor's degree at The University  
8 of Texas at Austin, where he was president of Phi Delta Theta  
9 fraternity; his leadership of the fraternity's intramural football  
10 team earned him the lifelong nickname of "Coach"; and

11 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty during World War  
12 II, Mr. Worsham served with the U.S. Army Air Forces in Japan;  
13 after the war, he earned a law degree at The University of Texas and  
14 won election to the legal fraternity Phi Delta Phi; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the course of an exemplary career as a lawyer in  
16 Houston, Mr. Worsham served as an assistant district attorney,  
17 worked in private practice, and spent 25 years in the legal  
18 department of Shell Oil; he was a member of the State Bar of Texas  
19 and the Houston Bar Association, which honored him for his five  
20 decades in the legal profession; and

21 WHEREAS, Mr. Worsham gave back to his community with his  
22 service on the boards of the Methodist Hospital and Lon Morris  
23 College; an active member of St. Luke's United Methodist Church, he  
24 served on its administrative board and taught Sunday school; he

1 remained devoted to The University of Texas throughout his life and  
2 was a member of the Littlefield Society, the Chancellor's Council,  
3 the President's Associates, and the Longhorn Foundation, as well as  
4 an avid fan of Longhorn sports; for more than 50 years, he was a  
5 member of the Houston Country Club, where he played tennis into his  
6 early 80s; he also loved books, travel, and music, especially big  
7 band and Dixieland jazz; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. Worsham shared 60 years with his wife, the  
9 former Roberta Murfee, and they were the parents of three sons,  
10 Robert Mills Worsham, James Leslie Worsham, and the late John  
11 Murfee Worsham; with the passing years, his family grew to include  
12 five grandchildren, who affectionately called him "Danrad"; and

13 WHEREAS, A devoted family man and an engaged member of his  
14 community, Jean Worsham leaves behind a legacy that will continue  
15 to inspire all those who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
17 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jean Mills Worsham and  
18 extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
19 wife, Roberta Murfee Worsham; to his sons, Robert Mills Worsham Sr.  
20 and his wife, Roxanne, and James Leslie Worsham and his wife,  
21 Leslie; to his grandchildren, Kathryn Anne Worsham, Jesse Lee  
22 Worsham, Robert Mills Worsham Jr., Samuel Price Worsham, and Asha  
23 Elizabeth Worsham; to his brother, John William Worsham, and his  
24 wife, Arline; to his nieces, Gail Worsham Pitt, Cynthia Worsham  
25 Bowers, and Anna Larson Worsham; and to his other relatives and  
26 friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jean  
3 Worsham.