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H.R. No. 2724

RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, From his courageous efforts in two wars to his work
2 as an elected official and volunteer, Eddie Janek Sr. of Galveston
3 has devoted himself to serving the greater good, and he is indeed
4 deserving of recognition for his many accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, After growing up on a farm near West during the Great
6 Depression, Eddie Janek volunteered for the U.S. Navy shortly after
7 the United States entered World War II; he was just 15 years old at
8 the time, so he fibbed about his age and doctored his Catholic
9 confirmation records in order to fight for his country; he spent
10 four years in the war's Pacific Theater, where he participated in
11 landings in Leyte and Peleliu, and he remained a member of the navy
12 through the Korean War, earning the rank of ship's serviceman
13 second class; for his valorous service, he received numerous
14 military citations, including the Philippine Liberation Medal and
15 presidential unit citations from President Franklin D. Roosevelt
16 and from the president of South Korea; and

17 WHEREAS, After concluding his tenure in the armed forces,
18 Mr. Janek settled in Galveston and went on to successfully pursue a
19 career in the telecommunications industry, eventually starting his
20 own company; for 16 years, he worked in behalf of area residents as
21 county commissioner, and he has also benefited his community in a
22 number of other ways, from raising funds for a neighbor in need to
23 coaching Little League, Pony League, and American Legion baseball
24 teams for several decades; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Janek and the love of his life, the former Doris
2 Denke, shared a rewarding marriage that spanned more than six
3 decades before Mrs. Janek passed away in 2015; the couple raised
4 three sons, Ed, Kyle, and Craig, and through the years, Mr. Janek
5 has seen his family grow to include six grandchildren; and

6 WHEREAS, Eddie Janek has contributed to his fellow citizens
7 through a lifetime of purposeful endeavor, and in so doing, he has
8 set an inspiring example of leadership, integrity, and generosity;
9 now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
11 Legislature hereby honor Eddie Janek Sr. for his service to his
12 community and to his country and extend to him sincere best wishes
13 for the future; and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for Mr. Janek as an expression of high regard by the Texas
16 House of Representatives.