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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Americans owe a profound debt of gratitude to those
2 brave men and women who take up arms in defense of our nation, and
3 one such individual is Sergeant Theodore Wellington Jones of League
4 City, who served in the U.S. armed forces during World War II; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on December 7, 1927, in Reading, Pennsylvania,
6 Ted Jones grew up in an orphanage after his mother passed away; in
7 1944, at the age of 17, he enlisted in the army and was deployed to
8 the European theater to serve as a Browning automatic rifleman in
9 the 86th Infantry, 3rd Armor Division, under General George Patton;
10 he took part in the Battle of the Bulge and later remained in
11 Germany during the occupation, until he was called back to active
12 duty in 1950 to train troops heading to fight in Korea; and

13 WHEREAS, In addition to his service as an infantryman,
14 Sergeant Jones was a member of the All-Army European Boxing Team,
15 and in 1950, he became the army's European Featherweight Champion;
16 as recognition for his skill in the ring, he was awarded the rank of
17 sergeant first class, making him, at age 23, one of the youngest
18 field sergeants to serve in Europe; in 1954, he transferred to the
19 newly established U.S. Air Force, and he concluded his military
20 tenure at the rank of technical sergeant in 1969; and

21 WHEREAS, Before formally retiring, Sergeant Jones fulfilled
22 a request from the air force to remain on active reserve duty as
23 manager of the Ellington Field Club, and the experience he acquired
24 in that role proved useful when he managed Field Veterans of Foreign

1 Wars Post 8790 in Spring Branch from 1977 to 1981; he has since
2 continued to benefit his fellow veterans through his work with the
3 American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 490, and the
4 Ellington Field Post; moreover, he served the community for 13
5 years as a member of the Houston Police Department Crime and
6 Investigation Division; and

7 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Ted Jones enjoys the love and
8 support of his wife, Geraldine, and he is the proud father of five
9 children; and

10 WHEREAS, Through his steadfast efforts in war and peacetime,
11 Sergeant Jones has exemplified the virtues that define our Greatest
12 Generation, and he has earned the lasting respect and admiration of
13 his fellow citizens; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor Sergeant Theodore Wellington Jones for his
16 exemplary service to his nation and to his community and extend to
17 him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be it further

18 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
19 prepared for Sergeant Jones as an expression of high regard by the
20 Texas House of Representatives.