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H.R. No. 297

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The City of Nacogdoches lost an esteemed leader with
2 the death of former mayor A. L. Mangham on November 22, 2016, at the
3 age of 93; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Nacogdoches County to Alonzo Livingston
5 Mangham Sr. and Gladys Skeeters Mangham on December 17, 1922, A. L.
6 Mangham enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1939; two years later, he was
7 stationed at the Boston Navy Yard when he heard the news of the
8 attack on Pearl Harbor, and he went on to serve in the 4th Marine
9 Division as a navy corpsman, tending to his wounded comrades; he
10 took part in two combat landings in the South Pacific, earning a
11 Silver Star and Purple Heart; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Mangham continued to serve in the military
13 following the war, and he retired after 24 years; in the 1960s, he
14 returned to Nacogdoches and began a career in banking that
15 eventually led to his becoming CEO and president of Fredonia State
16 Bank; and

17 WHEREAS, For 13 years in the 1970s and early 1980s,
18 Mr. Mangham served as mayor of Nacogdoches, and he played a crucial
19 role in supporting the city's economic development and in
20 maintaining a business-friendly environment; he provided crucial
21 assistance in the reopening of the Hotel Fredonia and in the
22 development of Lake Nacogdoches, and he was a founding board member
23 of Nacogdoches Medical Center; in recognition of his leadership,
24 the A. L. Mangham Jr. Regional Airport was named in his honor; and

1 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his country and his community, A. L.
2 Mangham lived his life with integrity and with an unwavering
3 commitment to serving his fellow citizens, and he leaves behind a
4 legacy of good works that will forever inspire all who had the good
5 fortune to know him; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of A. L. Mangham and
8 extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
9 Nancy Mangham; to his children, Craig Mangham, Cheri McGuire and
10 her husband, Joe, and Christi Mangham; to his stepchildren, Arthur
11 Speck Jr. and his wife, Elizabeth, and Virginia Amason and her
12 husband, Bert; to his grandsons, Christopher and Aaron; to his
13 stepgrandchildren, Cathryn, Arthur, Emily, Edith, and Gilbert; to
14 his nephew, Charles; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
15 it further

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