

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may
2 comfort those mourning the loss of Jerry Kelley of Helotes, who
3 passed away on March 26, 2017, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, Jerry Kelley was born on February 17, 1928, in
5 Christoval to Addie and Grover Kelley; a member of the Greatest
6 Generation, he grew up helping his family work the cotton fields
7 during the Depression and went on to enlist in the United States
8 Navy at the age of 16; he was stationed on the amphibious ship USS
9 *LSM-447* in the Pacific theater of World War II from 1944 to 1946,
10 and when the United States entered the Korean War in 1950, he
11 returned to naval service and progressed to the rank of boatswain's
12 mate third class; on September 25, 1961, he was commissioned an
13 honorary admiral in the Texas Navy; and

14 WHEREAS, On his return to civilian life, Mr. Kelley began a
15 career of nearly three decades with Harte-Hanks Newspapers, where
16 as the state circulation manager, he was tasked with supervising
17 the distribution of the *Corpus Christi Caller-Times* to locations
18 across South Texas; he relocated in 1963 to serve in this same post
19 for the *San Antonio Express-News*, and after seven years on that job,
20 he was promoted to circulation director at the *San Angelo*
21 *Standard-Times*; and

22 WHEREAS, In 1975, Mr. Kelley was inspired to make a career
23 change, and he entered the field of specialty advertising, working
24 first with his uncle, John Kelley, and later with Howell & Windham

1 Advertising in Odessa; he continued this work until his retirement
2 at age 87, and along the way, he earned the respect and loyalty of
3 clients in many different industries; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Kelley shared a rewarding relationship with his
5 wife of 67 years, Mary, until her passing, and he was the loving
6 father of three children, Jerry, David, and Kathy; he also had the
7 joy of becoming a grandfather and great-grandfather many times
8 over; having worked hard to obtain his GED and to attend Victoria
9 College, he took great pride in seeing his children and
10 grandchildren receive college and postgraduate degrees and achieve
11 success for themselves; among his favorite pastimes were fishing on
12 the Concho River and the Gulf of Mexico, traveling the highways of
13 Texas, and sharing with his family and friends stories from days
14 past, including experiences from his time in the navy; and

15 WHEREAS, Over the course of his lifetime, Jerry Kelley
16 distinguished himself as a courageous service member, an
17 accomplished professional, and a caring family man, and he will
18 long remain a source of inspiration for those he leaves behind; now,
19 therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Jerry Kelley and
22 extend sincere sympathy to all those who mourn his passing; and, be
23 it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jerry
4 Kelley.

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Straus	Goldman	Oliverson
Allen	Gonzales of Williamson	Ortega
Alonzo	González of El Paso	Paddie
Alvarado	Gooden	Parker
Anchia	Guerra	Paul
Anderson of Dallas	Guillen	Perez
Anderson of McLennan	Gutierrez	Phelan
Arévalo	Hefner	Phillips
Ashby	Hernandez	Pickett
Bailes	Herrero	Price
Bell	Hinojosa	Raney
Bernal	Holland	Raymond
Biedermann	Howard	Reynolds
Blanco	Huberty	Rinaldi
Bohac	Hunter	Roberts
Bonnen of Brazoria	Isaac	Rodriguez of Bexar
Bonnen of Galveston	Israel	Rodriguez of Travis
Burkett	Johnson of Dallas	Romero, Jr.
Burns	Johnson of Harris	Rose
Burrows	Kacal	Sanford
Button	Keough	Schaefer
Cain	King of Hemphill	Schofield
Canales	King of Parker	Schubert
Capriglione	King of Uvalde	Shaheen
Clardy	Klick	Sheffield
Coleman	Koop	Shine
Collier	Krause	Simmons
Cook	Kuempel	Smithee
Cortez	Lambert	Springer
Cosper	Landgraf	Stephenson
Craddick	Lang	Stickland
Cyrier	Larson	Stucky
Dale	Laubenberg	Swanson
Darby	Leach	Thierry
Davis of Dallas	Longoria	Thompson of Brazoria
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Dean	Lucio III	Tinderholt
Deshotel	Martinez	Turner
Dukes	Metcalf	Uresti
Dutton	Meyer	VanDeaver
Elkins	Miller	Villalba
Faircloth	Minjarez	Vo
Fallon	Moody	Walle
Farrar	Morrison	White
Flynn	Muñoz, Jr.	Wilson
Frank	Murphy	Workman
Frullo	Murr	Wray
Geren	Neave	Wu
Gervin-Hawkins	Nevárez	Zedler
Giddings	Oliveira	Zerwas

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1385 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 19, 2017.

Chief Clerk of the House