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R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends of Jack Raymond Stone, who passed away on August 13, 2017, at the age of 86; and

WHEREAS, Jack Stone was born to Marshall and Jewell Stone on September 8, 1930, in Nacogdoches; he graduated from both Nacogdoches High School and Stephen F. Austin State University with honors and served in the United States military; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Stone enjoyed a successful career in banking, and he served the First State Bank of Wells as president; he also chaired the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission, and he helped the Texas State Railroad's "iron horse" become a nationally recognized tourist attraction; at the age of 60, he moved to Montana, where he embarked on a second career as an attorney and won a case before the Montana Supreme Court; and

WHEREAS, A dedicated family man, Mr. Stone wed Shirley Bailey on August 2, 1952, and the couple shared a rewarding marriage that spanned nearly four decades; following Mrs. Stone's death in 1991, Mr. Stone was fortunate enough to find love again with his second wife, the former Sara Benchoff; he took great pride in his children, Robin and Bryant, and his stepchildren, Ed and Sara, and with the passing years, he was further blessed with a number of cherished grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Stone could often be found hunting, fishing, or simply enjoying the outdoors; he received numerous awards for his contributions to his community, and he published an autobiography, *Every Man Dies, Not Every Man Lives*, in 2010; and

WHEREAS, While the death of Jack Stone has brought immeasurable sorrow to his family and friends, he has left behind a legacy that will forever be treasured by all those who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jack Raymond Stone and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jack Stone.