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R E S O L U T I O N

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

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

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

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

24           WHEREAS, In his leisure time, Mr. Stone could often be found

1 hunting, fishing, or simply enjoying the outdoors; he received  
2 numerous awards for his contributions to his community, and he  
3 published an autobiography, *Every Man Dies, Not Every Man Lives*, in  
4 2010; and

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

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

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