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RESOLUTION

- 1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
- 2 passing of Eugene Wesley Jones of Marshall on March 15, 2018, at the
- 3 age of 92; and
- WHEREAS, Born to Gladys and Oscar Jones on July 17, 1925, in
- 5 Greenville, Wesley Jones grew up with two brothers, Oscar and
- 6 William; he graduated as the salutatorian of the Conroe High School
- 7 Class of 1942 and went on to earn a degree in mechanical engineering
- 8 from Tulane University three years later; and
- 9 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty, Mr. Jones
- 10 served in the U.S. Navy during World War II; after receiving an
- 11 honorable discharge in 1947, he partnered with his brothers in the
- 12 air conditioning and refrigeration industry; they later expanded
- 13 into the furniture business and formed the Jones Brothers firm,
- 14 which operated a storefront in Marshall for a number of years; and
- WHEREAS, Mr. Jones married the former Jeane Westmoreland on
- 16 March 5, 1949, and the couple enjoyed a rewarding marriage that
- 17 spanned 69 years; Mr. Jones took great pride in his children, Lou
- 18 Anne and Nancy, and with the passing years, he had the pleasure of
- 19 becoming "Weg" to his grandchildren, Lindsey, Tucker, Hayley, Alex,
- 20 Walt, and Drake, and great-grandchildren, Harrison Alexander,
- 21 Louna Rose, John Tucker, Marshall Stroud, Wesley Elizabeth, and
- 22 Luka Wesley; and
- WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Jones served on the
- 24 Marshall Independent School District Board of Trustees and held

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- 1 leadership roles with the Marshall Chamber of Commerce, the United
- 2 Fund Drive, and the Rotary Club; moreover, he gave back to the
- 3 congregation at First United Methodist Church as chair of the Board
- 4 of Stewards and as a Sunday school teacher and lay speaker; in his
- 5 leisure time, he traveled extensively and pursued his passion for
- 6 woodworking; above all else, he loved to entertain his
- 7 grandchildren at his home on Lake Shadowood by organizing scavenger
- 8 hunts, playing dibble-dabble, and telling them wonderful bedtime
- 9 stories; and
- 10 WHEREAS, Although he is greatly missed, Wesley Jones has left
- 11 his family and friends with many cherished memories, and he will
- 12 forever hold a special place in their hearts; now, therefore, be it
- RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas
- 14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Eugene Wesley Jones
- 15 and extend heartfelt sympathy to all who mourn his passing; and, be
- 16 it further
- 17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
- 18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
- 19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Wesley
- 20 Jones.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1437 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 10, 2019.

Chief Clerk of the House