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H.R. No. 1437

R E S O L U T I O N

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

4 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

15 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

23 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Mr. Jones served on the
24 Marshall Independent School District Board of Trustees and held

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

13 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.