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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life drew to a close with the  
2 passing of Earl Wayne Fletcher Sr. of Longview on July 3, 2021, at  
3 the age of 95; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Herman and Alice Fletcher, Earl Fletcher  
5 was born in Rio Hondo on April 24, 1926, and he grew up with the  
6 companionship of 10 siblings, Don, Bob, Barbara, Melvin, Doug,  
7 David, Johnny, Karen Ann, Nancy, and Evalynn; he graduated from Rio  
8 Hondo High School and went on to earn a bachelor's degree at Texas  
9 A&I University in Kingsville; answering his nation's call to duty,  
10 he joined the United States Navy and served aboard the USS *Franklin*  
11 during World War II; and

12 WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Fletcher became a  
13 chemist at the Hoechst Celanese Corporation and later worked as an  
14 insurance agent for State Farm; and

15 WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Fletcher enjoyed the love  
16 and support of his wife, Ruth, with whom he shared a rewarding union  
17 until her passing; he took great pride in his two children, Wayne  
18 and Elaine, and with the passing years, he had the pleasure of  
19 seeing his family grow to include six grandchildren and six  
20 great-grandchildren; sustained by a deep and abiding faith, he was  
21 a valued congregant of First Baptist Church Kingsville, where he  
22 also served as a deacon; upon moving to Village Mills in 1996, he  
23 joined Wildwood Baptist Church; and

24 WHEREAS, Deeply dedicated to his family, his faith, and his

1 country, Earl Fletcher earned the lasting respect and admiration of  
2 all who were privileged to know him, and they will forever hold him  
3 close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 87th Texas  
5 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
6 Earl Wayne Fletcher Sr. and extend sincere condolences to all who  
7 mourn his passing; and, be it further

8         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Earl  
11 Fletcher.