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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may help to comfort
2 those saddened by the death of Harold Edgar Raines of Marshall on
3 June 26, 2025, at the age of 98; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Hoyt and Lillian Raines, Harold Raines
5 was born in Memphis, Tennessee, on August 25, 1926, and grew up with
6 the company of two younger brothers, Charles and Quinton; he became
7 captain of the ROTC at Fair Park High School in Shreveport,
8 Louisiana, and during World War II, he served as a U.S. Navy
9 signalman on a submarine chaser; after demobilization, he attended
10 Centenary College of Louisiana and Louisiana Tech University; he
11 was called up from the reserve during the Korean War and served on
12 Admiral Espy's staff during the Inchon landing; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Raines returned to Shreveport and worked in
14 banking, and in the early 1960s, he moved to Marshall; he was
15 employed for more than 30 years at the Marshall Mill & Elevator
16 Company and rose to become sales manager; he benefited his fellow
17 citizens as a member of myriad organizations, including the Rotary
18 Club, local chambers of commerce and the historical society, and
19 the boards of the Twelve Way Foundation and Friends of Caddo Lake
20 National Wildlife Refuge; among other leadership roles, he was
21 district governor of the Lions Club and chair of Wonderland of
22 Lights and the FireAnt Festival; a man of faith, he was a member of
23 the board of First Methodist Church, where he also served as a
24 Sunday school teacher and Stephen minister; moreover, he was

1 scoutmaster of Troop 239 for almost three decades and helped many
2 boys attain the rank of Eagle Scout, and he received one of
3 scouting's highest honors, the Silver Beaver Award; his accolades
4 further included recognition as Marshall Citizen of the Year; and

5 WHEREAS, In 1954, Mr. Raines married the former Esther
6 Westmoreland, and they were blessed with two daughters, Carole and
7 Kathy; through the years, he knew the joy of becoming a proud
8 grandfather and great-grandfather; he and his wife shared a
9 fulfilling relationship of more than 50 years until her passing;
10 fortunate enough to find love a second time, he wed Betty Monigold,
11 and they were active together in church and civic life; she preceded
12 him in death, as did a grandson, Brandon Collier; and

13 WHEREAS, Although Harold Raines is deeply missed by those he
14 left behind, they will treasure their memories of his sweet nature,
15 sense of fun, and great devotion to his family, his faith, and his
16 community; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the Senate of the 89th Texas Legislature, 1st
18 Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of Harold Edgar
19 Raines and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to
20 his daughters, Carole Raines Collier and Kathy Raines Gillespie; to
21 his three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren; and to his
22 many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this
25 day, it do so in memory of Harold Raines.