WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends of Thomas Shelby Justiss of Fort Worth, who passed away on March 16, 2009, at the age of 82; and

WHEREAS, A native of Paris, Mr. Justiss was born in 1926 to Kathryn and Thomas Shelby Justiss, Sr.; active in school, church, and the Boy Scouts of America, he attained the rank of Eagle Scout at the age of 15; he went on to attend Paris Junior College and serve his country in the Army during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Following the war, he earned a bachelor's degree from Texas A&M University, where he majored in structural engineering and also participated in the Corps of Cadets and Ross Volunteers; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Justiss began his career as a field engineer for the Texas Company in Port Neches; recalled to active duty in 1950, he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War; he left military service as a captain and settled in Fort Worth, joining the staff of Texas Industries; by virtue of his hard work and diligent service, he retired from the company in 1990 as a divisional vice president; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Justiss was an active and faithful member of St. Christopher Episcopal Church, serving the congregation as church treasurer; a registered professional structural engineer, he shared his time with the American Society of Civil Engineers and
the Texas Society of Professional Engineers; and

WHEREAS, Dedicated to his family, Mr. Justiss was a loving husband to his wife of 56 years, Jackie, and a devoted father to his four precious daughters, Kim, Marci, Gina, and Leanne; and

WHEREAS, Although Thomas Justiss is deeply missed, he will long be remembered with great affection by those fortunate enough to have shared in the richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas Shelby Justiss and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Jackie Justiss; to his daughters, Kim and her husband, Jerry Hunter, Marci and her husband, Calvin Blankenship, Gina and her husband, Byron Lancaster, and Leanne and her husband, Keith Walker; to his grandchildren, Patrick Blankenship and his wife, Kailee, James and Daniel Blankenship, and Katerina and Max Lancaster; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of Thomas Shelby Justiss.

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David Dewhurst
President of the Senate

I certify that H.C.R. No. 156 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 16, 2009.

Robert Haney
Chief Clerk of the House

I certify that H.C.R. No. 156 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the Senate on April 21, 2009.

Natalya J. Lane
Secretary of the Senate

APPROVED: 6 MAY '09
Date

Rick Perry
Governor

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