

SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, The Legislature of the State of Texas honors and commemorates the life of the Honorable John Nesbett Leedom, former Texas Senator and Republican Party stalwart, who died May 31, 2011, at the age of 89; and

WHEREAS, Senator Leedom served his community and state with honor and distinction, both as a businessman and as a public servant, and his many achievements set a sterling example which have served as an inspiration to generations of Texans; and

WHEREAS, John Nesbett Leedom was born July 27, 1921, in Dallas; he became an Eagle Scout as a young man and graduated from Highland Park High School; he earned a degree in electrical engineering from Rice University in 1943 and served the nation in the United States Navy during World War II; and

WHEREAS, Senator Leedom was the cofounder and chief executive officer of Wholesale Electronic Supply, Incorporated, in Dallas; he was active in numerous professional organizations through the years, including service as president of the National Electronic Distributors Association and of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors and as national director of the Young Presidents Organization; and

WHEREAS, Senator Leedom played a vital role in the rebirth and growth of the Republican Party in Texas, beginning with his service as chair of the Dallas County Republican Party in the early

1 1960s and later as campaign chair for Congressman Jim Collins; in  
2 1975, he was elected to the Dallas City Council, where he served two  
3 terms and chaired the finance, public safety, and cable television  
4 committees; and

5 WHEREAS, He was elected in 1980 to represent District 16 in  
6 the Texas Senate, and he served five terms as a senator, retiring in  
7 1996; he sponsored legislation that led to the creation of the Rainy  
8 Day Fund, and in 1989, he served as President Pro Tempore of the  
9 Senate; and

10 WHEREAS, Senator Leedom was a devout Christian who practiced  
11 his faith in his daily life; he was a trustee of Grace Bible Church,  
12 and he often expressed his gratitude for having been able to serve  
13 the public; and

14 WHEREAS, A man of vision, courage, and loyalty, he gave  
15 generously to others, and his wisdom, his determination, and his  
16 enthusiasm for living each day to the fullest will not be forgotten  
17 by those who knew him; and

18 WHEREAS, He was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather,  
19 and although he will be deeply missed by his family and countless  
20 friends, he will continue to live in their hearts and minds; now,  
21 therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 82nd Legislature of the State of Texas,  
23 1st Called Session, hereby extend sincere condolences to the  
24 bereaved family of the Honorable John Nesbett Leedom: Betty  
25 Leedom, his loving wife of 56 years; Joanne Leedom Ackerman, Judy  
26 Leedom Tyrer, Becky Trigg, Danny Kennedy, Linda Leedom Moore, and  
27 John Leedom, Jr.; and his 12 grandchildren and six

1 great-grandchildren; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That a copy of this resolution be prepared for his  
3 family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas  
4 Legislature, and that when the legislature adjourns this day, it do  
5 so in memory of John Nesbett Leedom.

David Dewhurst  
President of the Senate

Joe Straus  
Speaker of the House

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 1 was adopted by the Senate  
on June 13, 2011.

Letsy Spaw  
Secretary of the Senate

I hereby certify that S.C.R. No. 1 was adopted by the House  
on June 14, 2011.

Robert Nancy  
Chief Clerk of the House

Approved:

19 JUL '11  
Date

Rick Perry  
Governor

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SECRETARY OF STATE

4:00pm O'CLOCK

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Colby Hunter III  
Secretary of State