

By: Kolkhorst

H.R. No. 69

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of former state representative and  
2 Brenham mayor Walter C. Schwartz on July 7, 2003, at the age of 81,  
3 has brought a great loss to the family, friends, and community of  
4 this esteemed public servant; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Iago on September 6, 1921, Mayor Schwartz  
6 distinguished himself throughout his lifetime in behalf of his  
7 fellow citizens, beginning his tenure in public office as a  
8 two-term state representative serving the constituents of House  
9 District 21 from 1954 to 1959; a Brenham resident for much of his  
10 life, he served on the city council from 1962 to 1970 and again from  
11 1982 to 1984, and he was elected mayor in 1994 and held that post  
12 until his death; and

13           WHEREAS, Mayor Schwartz was passionate about education, and  
14 he pursued his own studies at Blinn College, The University of Texas  
15 at Austin, and the University of Houston, earning his master's  
16 degree from the latter institution; and

17           WHEREAS, A World War II veteran, this patriotic American  
18 served in Japan as a communications specialist with the U.S. Army  
19 Signal Corps; shortly after the war, on December 21, 1947, he  
20 married the former Annie Belle Kuehn at St. John's United Church of  
21 Christ in Burton, and they were blessed with three children and four  
22 grandchildren; and

23           WHEREAS, Mayor Schwartz taught at Blinn College for many  
24 years, beginning in 1948 as a night school teacher for returning

1 veterans and serving as dean of students from 1959 to 1984; in 1984  
2 he was named his alma mater's 11th president, and a decade later he  
3 became the school's first chancellor, serving in that role for the  
4 remainder of his life; and

5 WHEREAS, Mayor Schwartz devoted many hours to serving  
6 noteworthy charitable and civic organizations, including the  
7 Washington County Little League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Boy  
8 Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, United Way, and March of Dimes;  
9 and

10 WHEREAS, Although this remarkable man will be deeply missed  
11 by those who knew and admired him, his legacy of achievement will  
12 serve as an enduring reminder of his generosity and integrity, and  
13 he will undoubtedly be remembered with great affection for many  
14 years to come; now, therefore, be it

15 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
16 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
17 the Honorable Walter C. Schwartz and extend sincere sympathy to the  
18 members of his family: to his wife, Annie Belle Schwartz; to his  
19 son, Charles Schwartz, and daughter-in-law, Kay Schwartz; to his  
20 daughters, Ann Fuelberg and Kay Schwartz, and son-in-law, Scott  
21 Murphy; to his grandchildren, Ben Fuelberg, Anne Schwartz, Todd  
22 Murphy, and Cole Murphy; to his sister, Bertha "Mutzy" Fischer; and  
23 to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Walter C.  
27 Schwartz.