

By: Keffer of Eastland

H.R. No. 27

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Joe C. Hanna of Breckenridge, who
2 distinguished himself over the course of seven terms as a member of
3 the Texas House of Representatives, passed away on July 26, 2003, at
4 the age of 83; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on May 19, 1920, in Lawton, Oklahoma, Mr. Hanna
6 moved to Wichita Falls as a child and graduated from Wichita Falls
7 High School; after earning a degree from Tarleton College in 1940,
8 he entered pre-law at The University of Texas at Austin; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Hanna willingly answered his country's call to
10 duty in 1941, joining the U.S. Navy; he was a courageous fighter
11 pilot in the North Atlantic and went on to command the San Luis
12 Obispo Naval Air Station before his honorable discharge in 1945;
13 and

14 WHEREAS, Returning to Breckenridge, Mr. Hanna purchased
15 Stephens County Abstract Company, which he owned and operated for
16 the next 25 years; a licensed real estate broker and appraiser who
17 leased oil and gas, Mr. Hanna later worked as a consultant for the
18 Independent Oil and Gas Producers of Texas; and

19 WHEREAS, This outstanding public servant was elected to the
20 Texas Legislature in 1970, and he served with great distinction for
21 10 years as chairman of the House Energy Committee; while a member
22 of the house, he further served as chairman of the Southwest
23 Regional Energy Council and the Texas Energy Resources Committee
24 and as a gubernatorial appointee to the Interstate Oil Compact

1 Commission; and

2 WHEREAS, The community of Breckenridge benefited from his
3 dedicated work on the school board, which he served as a member for
4 13 years and also as president; in addition, he was a member of the
5 board of directors of First Federal Savings & Loan; and

6 WHEREAS, Mr. Hanna married Betty Elliott in 1942, and their
7 union was blessed with three children and seven grandchildren; and

8 WHEREAS, Highly respected for both his long public service
9 and his extensive knowledge of the oil and gas industry, Joe Hanna
10 enjoyed a life rich in family, friends, and accomplishments, and it
11 is a privilege to join in honoring his memory; now, therefore, be it

12 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
13 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
14 the Honorable Joe C. Hanna and extend sincere sympathy to the
15 members of his family: to his wife, Betty Hanna; to his children,
16 Steve Hanna, Judi Hanna, and Mark Hanna; to his sisters, Roy Ann
17 Weeks and Madie Hanna; to his grandchildren; and to his other
18 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of former
22 State Representative Joe C. Hanna.