

By: Chisum

H.R. No. 112

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Jack Hightower of Austin has reached a
2 noteworthy milestone in commemorating his 50th year with the
3 Masonic Order and the Grand Lodge of Texas; and

4 WHEREAS, A veteran of the United States Navy, this remarkable
5 Texan graduated from Baylor University and earned his law degree in
6 1951 from the Baylor University School of Law; in 1992, he received
7 his LL.M. degree from the University of Virginia; and

8 WHEREAS, Justice Hightower has a long and distinguished
9 resume of public service; he has ably led his state and country as a
10 member of the Texas House of Representatives, as district attorney
11 of the 46th Judicial District, and as a member of the Texas Senate;
12 he further served his fellow citizens as a five-term member of the
13 United States House of Representatives, first assistant attorney
14 general of Texas, and from 1988 to 1996 justice of the Supreme Court
15 of Texas; and

16 WHEREAS, Duly recognized over the years for his achievements,
17 Justice Hightower has been named distinguished alumnus by Baylor
18 University and Baylor Lawyer of the Year by the Baylor Law Alumni
19 Association; honored as Outstanding Citizen of Vernon, he has
20 received the Price Daniel Distinguished Public Service Award and
21 the Knapp-Porter Award; and

22 WHEREAS, A Knight of the York Cross of Honor in York Rite and
23 a 33rd degree Scottish Rite Mason, Justice Hightower is a life
24 member of the Lubbock and Austin valleys of the Scottish Rite and of

1 the Ben Hur Temple in Austin; he currently serves as a trustee for
2 the Scottish Rite Hospital, president of the Scottish Rite
3 Dormitory at Austin, vice president of the Texas Scottish Rite
4 Foundation, and chairman of the Valley of Austin; and

5 WHEREAS, Raised in Vernon Lodge in 1953, this esteemed Mason
6 is a member of Vernon Lodge No. 655, University Lodge No. 1190 in
7 Austin, and the Texas Lodge of Research, A.F. & A.M.; he has brought
8 honor to the positions of district deputy grand master, grand
9 orator, member of the Masonic Jurisprudence Committee, and grand
10 senior warden; he was elected grand master of the Texas Masons in
11 1971 and in 1995 received the Sam Houston Medal from the Masonic
12 Lodge of Texas; and

13 WHEREAS, Justice Hightower represents the highest ideals of
14 Masonic service, and through his hard work and commitment he has
15 contributed tremendously to improving the lives of his fellow
16 Texans; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
18 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby recognize the Honorable
19 Jack Hightower for his more than 50 years of sterling service with
20 the Masonic Order and the Grand Lodge of Texas and extend to him
21 best wishes for the future; and, be it further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for Justice Hightower as an expression of high regard by
24 the Texas House of Representatives.