

By: Jones of Dallas

H.R. No. 163

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Robert H. Hester of Dallas on August
2 15, 2003, at the age of 77, brought a great loss to the family,
3 friends, and fellow citizens of this noted civic leader; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Groesbeck on November 7, 1925, Mr. Hester
5 earned a bachelor's degree in agriculture and veterinary science
6 from Prairie View A&M University in 1944 and went on to further his
7 studies at Michigan State University and North Texas State
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, A dedicated proponent of the power of education, Mr.
10 Hester taught vocational agriculture at high schools in Calvert and
11 Centerville; well aware that earning a diploma was just one part of
12 the equation for success, he taught his daughters and his students
13 that "a degree is just a license to hunt . . . not a guarantee"; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Hester worked as an economist with the
15 Department of Agriculture and owned a real estate and construction
16 business before signing on with the Department of Housing and Urban
17 Development in Fort Worth in 1964; he later worked for the Equal
18 Employment Opportunity Commission as a compliance supervisor and
19 affirmative action manager and served as an education consultant
20 with the Department of Justice before retiring in 1990; and

21 WHEREAS, An active community leader, he was a longtime member
22 of the Episcopal Church of the Epiphany, which he served as lay
23 reader, chalice bearer, treasurer, and senior warden; he was a
24 lifetime member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, Inc., and the Parent

1 Teacher Association as well as a 32nd degree Mason and a member of
2 the Juda Masonic Lodge in Groesbeck; in addition, he maintained a
3 lengthy affiliation with the Boy Scouts of America, the Black
4 United Dallas Government Employees Organization, and the Southern
5 Christian Leadership Council; and

6 WHEREAS, Robert H. Hester was a man of faith, generosity, and
7 honor, and although he will be missed by all who knew him, his
8 spirit will live on in their hearts and minds for many years to
9 come; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
11 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
12 Robert H. Hester and extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his
13 wife, Pinkie M. Hester; to his daughters, Rhonda Hester Green and
14 Rubidel Hester Peoples; to his four grandchildren and seven
15 great-grandchildren; and to the many other relatives and friends of
16 this esteemed gentleman; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
19 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Robert H.
20 Hester.