

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, For more than half a century, William and Katherine
2 Carssow have devoted their time, talent, and resources toward the
3 betterment of their community and state; and

4 WHEREAS, William Benton Carssow, Sr., a 1929 graduate of the
5 Cumberland School of Law, was elected to the Texas House of
6 Representatives in 1936; as a legislator he helped to pass the bill
7 that created a unified State Bar of Texas, and he became the
8 organization's first executive director; retiring as a captain from
9 the U.S. Army Air Corps after World War II, he established a
10 successful law practice on his return to civilian life and also
11 continued to pursue a prominent role in public affairs, serving as a
12 member of the Cedar Park Library Foundation Board, the Brushy Creek
13 WCID, and many other civic and charitable associations, including
14 the Presbyterian Church; and

15 WHEREAS, Katherine Patton Carssow is a native of Virginia who
16 graduated from Agnes Scott College in 1940; she and Mr. Carssow were
17 married in 1943, and in the 1950s, she returned to school to become
18 a teacher and later a school counselor with the Austin Independent
19 School District; she retired from Lanier High School in 1978 and has
20 volunteered for organizations that include Meals on Wheels,
21 Northwest Austin Care Givers, the Lutheran Nursing Home, and the
22 Presbyterian Church; and

23 WHEREAS, The Carssows' generosity and enthusiasm for
24 community service continue to inspire not only their four children,

1 Tim, Jim, Lynn, and Ben, but also all who have been privileged to be
2 part of their lives, and it is appropriate to take this opportunity
3 to honor them; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby commend Katherine Patton
6 Carssow and the Honorable William Benton Carssow, Sr., on their
7 commitment to public service and extend to them best wishes for
8 continued success and happiness in all their endeavors; and, be it
9 further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for Mr. and Mrs. Carssow as an expression of high regard by
12 the Texas House of Representatives.

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H.R. No. 303

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 303 was adopted by the House on
October 10, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House