

By: Hughes

H.R. No. 47

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, James Richard "Dick" Hanking has served with  
2           distinction as chairman of the Republican Party of Camp County from  
3           1998 to 2004; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Wyoming in 1937, Mr. Hanking graduated with  
5           a bachelor's degree in engineering and a master's degree in  
6           bioengineering from the University of Wyoming; after working for  
7           Sperry Utah Engineering Laboratories in Salt Lake City for two  
8           years, he was employed by Honeywell, Inc., at the Otis Air Force  
9           Base in Cape Cod, Massachusetts, where he met his bride-to-be,  
10          Cynthia Lee Hersey, whom he married in 1963; and

11          WHEREAS, Three years later, the young couple moved to Texas  
12          after Mr. Hanking was offered a position with LTV Corporation, and  
13          he worked for LTV for nearly 30 years before retiring; the Hankings  
14          were blessed with two beloved sons, James Richard Hanking, Jr., and  
15          the late Craig Michael Hanking, a courageous Arlington police  
16          officer who was killed in the line of duty in August 1994; and

17          WHEREAS, In 1997, Mr. and Mrs. Hanking moved to Pittsburg,  
18          and Mr. Hanking was named Republican Party chairman of Camp County;  
19          Mrs. Hanking served alongside her husband as secretary for the  
20          county party until she was called home to be with the Lord in 2003;  
21          and

22          WHEREAS, With an aptitude for organization and a mind for  
23          details, Mr. Hanking restructured the records and helped to  
24          strengthen the Republican Party in Camp County; he served his

1 party's needs with commitment, winning the admiration of area  
2 Republicans and Democrats alike with his quiet but assured  
3 demeanor; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hanking can indeed look with tremendous pride on  
5 his many notable accomplishments as a political leader who has made  
6 lasting contributions to his community and the State of Texas; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby honor James Richard Hanking  
10 on the occasion of his retirement as Republican Party chairman for  
11 Camp County and extend to him deep appreciation for his exemplary  
12 public service; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
14 prepared for Mr. Hanking as an expression of high regard by the  
15 Texas House of Representatives.