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H.R. No. 104

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas has lost an esteemed public  
2 servant with the passing of the Honorable Waggoner Carr of Austin on  
3 February 25, 2004, at the age of 85; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Fairlie on October 1, 1918, Mr. Carr moved  
5 with his family to Lubbock during the Depression; he attended Texas  
6 Technological College, where he joined the debate team, and earned  
7 a B.B.A. from that school in 1940; World War II interrupted his  
8 subsequent legal studies at The University of Texas, but after  
9 serving for three years in the Army Air Corps he returned to Austin  
10 and received his law degree in 1947; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Carr served as a Lubbock assistant district  
12 attorney from 1947 to 1948 and as Lubbock county attorney from 1948  
13 to 1950, when he was elected to the first of five consecutive terms  
14 in the Texas House of Representatives; he presided as speaker of the  
15 house from 1957 to 1961; and

16           WHEREAS, Two years after leaving the legislature, Mr. Carr  
17 became Texas attorney general, an office he held until 1967; he won  
18 praise for the assistance he rendered the Warren Commission  
19 following the assassination of President John F. Kennedy, and in  
20 1966 he was recognized as the most outstanding attorney general in  
21 the nation; and

22           WHEREAS, Over the course of his career Mr. Carr also engaged  
23 in the private practice of law; while living in Lubbock he opened a  
24 practice with his brother, Warlick, and from the late 1970s until

1 his passing he was associated with the firm of DeLeon, Boggins, and  
2 Icenogle in Austin, specializing in civil litigation and  
3 arbitration; and

4 WHEREAS, A Texan born and bred, Waggoner Carr took great  
5 pride in his state, its history, and its people; appropriately for a  
6 son of the Lone Star State, he enjoyed impressive skills as a  
7 raconteur, an ability he turned to account in a one-man performance  
8 he developed about the outlaw Jesse James; this accomplished  
9 gentleman also coauthored two books; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Carr was the devoted husband of the former  
11 Ernestine Story, whom he met while both were students at Texas Tech,  
12 and the proud father of David W. Carr; and

13 WHEREAS, Waggoner Carr served his fellow citizens with  
14 integrity and devotion for more than five decades, and, through his  
15 many contributions, he secured a respected place of his own in the  
16 annals of the state he loved so well; now, therefore, be it

17 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
18 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the  
19 life of the Honorable Waggoner Carr and extend sincere sympathy to  
20 the members of his family: to his wife, Ernestine Carr; to his son,  
21 Dr. David W. Carr; to his two grandchildren; and to his other  
22 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the  
26 Honorable Waggoner Carr.