

By: Goolsby

H.R. No. 106

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The legal community of Jefferson County has lost a
2 highly respected member with the passing of John Dudley Rutland on
3 February 8, 2004; and

4 WHEREAS, This native Texan was born and raised in Austin;
5 after graduating from Austin High School, Mr. Rutland enlisted in
6 the U.S. Army and served his country in the Korean War, receiving an
7 honorable discharge in 1954; he shortly earned a B.B.A. in 1956 from
8 The University of Texas at Austin, and, five years later, he earned
9 his J.D. from the University of Houston School of Law; and

10 WHEREAS, An accomplished attorney, Mr. Rutland had been
11 admitted to practice law in Texas, the U.S. Federal Court, and the
12 U.S. Supreme Court; his career began in the Legal Aid Office of
13 Jefferson County before he opened his own practice in Beaumont; in
14 the past 10 to 15 years, he championed the cause of fellow veterans
15 in disputes involving social security benefits, most recently
16 consulting for the firm of Packard, Packard, and LaPray in such
17 cases; and

18 WHEREAS, Involved in several professional organizations,
19 Mr. Rutland was a member of the American Bar Association, the Texas
20 State Bar Association, the Jefferson County Bar Association, the
21 Port Arthur Bar Association, the National Organization of Veterans'
22 Advocates, Inc., and the American Legion of Veterans Association;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, For over four decades, Mr. Rutland distinguished

1 himself as a dedicated advocate for many requiring effective and
2 fair representation in our courts; a man of exceptional character,
3 he will be greatly missed by all who had been fortunate to know him;
4 now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
7 John Dudley Rutland and extend sincere sympathy to the members of
8 his family: to his sons, Joseph Blake Rutland and Jason Darby; to
9 his brothers-in-law, John H. Brand and Fred Ennen; to his nieces,
10 Nancy Schaefer, Debbie Fainstein, and Ann Pope; to his nephews,
11 Jim Brand, David Brand, and Bill Ennen; to his cousins, Bayliss
12 Hunter and Arragene Martin; and to his other relatives and friends;
13 and, be it further

14 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
15 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
16 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John
17 Dudley Rutland.