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H.R. No. 213

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Houston community lost a dear friend, neighbor,
2 and renowned restaurateur with the passing of Ben C. "Captain
3 Benny" Hienemann on June 1, 1994, at the age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, The owner and operator of Captain Benny's Half
5 Shell, a Houston seafood institution, Mr. Hienemann began learning
6 the restaurant business as a young man; he worked for many years at
7 Kelley's Restaurant and Bill Williams' Restaurant before purchasing
8 the shrimp boat-styled building that became the original Captain
9 Benny's eatery in 1969; and

10 WHEREAS, For a quarter of a century, Mr. Hienemann delighted
11 countless Bayou City residents and visitors with superb Gulf Coast
12 fare; famous for its oysters and fried entrees, Captain Benny's
13 Half Shell has attracted people from across the Lone Star State and
14 remains a favorite among Houston's seafood-loving public; and

15 WHEREAS, Ben Hienemann's legacy can be found not only in his
16 professional successes, but also in his lasting, loving impression
17 on his family and many friends, and though 10 years have elapsed
18 since his passing, his spirit continues to shine brightly within
19 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
21 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
22 life of Ben C. "Captain Benny" Hienemann and extend sincere
23 sympathy to his family: to his wife, Norma Jean; to his daughter,
24 Judy; to his stepdaughter, Rosemary Nowlin; to his stepsons, John,

1 Daniel, and Steve Miday; to his sister, Mary; and to the other
2 relatives and many friends of this beloved gentleman; and, be it
3 further

4 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
5 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
6 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of "Captain
7 Benny" Hienemann.