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H.R. No. 236

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The city of Liberty lost a highly respected,
2 longtime civic leader and community advocate with the passing of
3 Ewald Ernest "Ernie" Zieschang on April 24, 2004, at the age of 70;
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Zieschang moved to Liberty in 1967 to assume the
6 posts of editor and publisher of *The Vindicator* and *The Progress*,
7 and he continued to direct those newspapers until his retirement in
8 June 2000; during his tenure, the papers were repeatedly recognized
9 for general excellence at both the regional and state levels; in
10 1986 *The Vindicator* was accorded the Sweepstakes Award from the
11 Texas Press Association for best semiweekly newspaper in the state;
12 and

13 WHEREAS, Widely esteemed for his judgment and leadership, Mr.
14 Zieschang served as president of the Liberty Port Commission and
15 the Liberty-Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce; in recognition of his
16 untiring efforts in behalf of his hometown, the chamber named him
17 Liberty Citizen of the Year in 1986; he also received a Road Hand
18 Award from the Texas Department of Transportation for his
19 significant contributions to transportation improvements; and

20 WHEREAS, Mr. Zieschang touched the lives of his neighbors and
21 fellow citizens through his work with Children's Protective
22 Services and Lions International, of which he was a dedicated
23 47-year member; past president of the Liberty Lions Club and a life
24 member of the Texas Lions Eye Bank, he was a recipient of the Lions

1 International Melvin Jones Fellow award and the Texas Lions Camp
2 Jack Wiech Fellow award; and

3 WHEREAS, This noteworthy Texan was born August 7, 1933, in
4 Taylor and graduated from Freeport High School in 1950; after
5 earning a degree from the University of Houston in 1954, he served
6 for two years in the United States Army; and

7 WHEREAS, Following his discharge from the service, Mr.
8 Zieschang spent 11 years as a business manager for *Brazosport*
9 *Facts*; over the course of his career he worked for Southern
10 Newspapers, Liberty Newspapers, and Hartman Newspapers; active in
11 the Texas Gulf Coast Press Association, he served as that group's
12 president in 1976-1977; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Zieschang also held membership in the Sons of
14 the Republic of Texas and gave generously of his time and energies
15 as a congregant of First United Methodist Church, where he served on
16 many committees and led the Men's Bible Class; and

17 WHEREAS, For all the professional success that he achieved,
18 it was his family that was the source of Mr. Zieschang's greatest
19 pride; in December 1953, he married the former Darlene Rose Dunn in
20 Freeport, and the couple became the parents of four treasured
21 children, Beth, Kathy, Kirk, and Ted; as the years passed, this
22 close-knit family circle grew to include 11 beloved grandchildren;
23 and

24 WHEREAS, Widely admired for his integrity and
25 purposefulness, Ernie Zieschang enjoyed a life that was rich in
26 family, friends, and accomplishments, and his memory will be
27 forever cherished by those who were privileged to share in his love

1 and affection; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
3 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay special tribute to the
4 life of Ewald Ernest "Ernie" Zieschang and extend sincere sympathy
5 to the members of his family: to his wife, Darlene Zieschang; to
6 his sons and daughters-in-law, Kirk and Kay Zieschang and Ted and
7 Cheryl Zieschang; to his daughters and son-in-law, Kathy Rhodes and
8 Beth and Randy Johnson; to his grandchildren: Zane and Kacie
9 Johnson, Whitney and Mitchell Morris, Kelsey and Ryan Rhodes, and
10 Aaron, Mark, Kaitlen, Brady, and Jamie Zieschang; to his
11 sister-in-law, Barbara Zieschang; and to his other relatives and
12 many friends; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Ewald
16 Ernest "Ernie" Zieschang.