

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Vernon Gaston of Lampasas was killed in Baghdad,
2 Iraq, on September 3, 2003, leaving behind a host of loved ones and
3 dear friends, and it is indeed appropriate to remember the life of
4 this esteemed American at this time; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on September 1, 1957, in Dallas, Mr. Gaston was
6 employed by Kellogg Brown & Root at the time of his passing; a
7 20-year employee of the postal service, he was working to establish
8 a postal system in Iraq when he was fatally wounded; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Gaston was a U.S. Navy veteran and served during
10 Operation Desert Storm; a great-grandson of Frank Gaston, the
11 longtime owner of the *Granbury News*, he had worked in radio, was a
12 former correspondent for the *Killeen Daily Herald*, and was a noted
13 civic leader; and

14 WHEREAS, A devoted family man, Mr. Gaston is dearly missed by
15 his wife and children; his loss has left a void in their lives, yet
16 his legacy of service to his country and to his fellow Americans
17 lives on in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
19 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
20 Vernon Gaston and extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his
21 wife, Kaye; to his children, Kristi, Steve, and Michael; and to the
22 many other relatives and friends of this beloved gentleman; and, be
23 it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

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1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Vernon
3 Gaston.

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Allen	Giddings	Merritt
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Capelo	Hegar	Pickett
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Cook of Colorado	Howard	Rodriguez
Corte	Hughes	Rose
Crabb	Hunter	Seaman
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Delisi	Jones of Dallas	Solomons
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Elkins	Lewis	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Luna	Villarreal
Escobar	Mabry	West
Farabee	Madden	Wilson
Farrar	Marchant	Wise
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wohlgemuth
Flynn	McCall	Wolens
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Garza	McReynolds	Woolley
Gattis	Menendez	Zedler

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 242 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2004.

Chief Clerk of the House