

By: Hunter

H.R. No. 337

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Guy W. Shaw on May 7, 2004, at the age  
2 of 90, has deeply saddened the family and friends of this esteemed  
3 lawyer and longtime Abilene resident; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on April 27, 1914, in Crosbyton, Mr. Shaw moved  
5 with his family to Abilene in 1927 and graduated from Abilene High  
6 School in 1932; he earned a degree in history and government from  
7 Hardin-Simmons University (HSU) and a law degree from The  
8 University of Texas Law School in Austin; during World War II, he  
9 joined the U.S. Navy and served with distinction in the South  
10 Pacific theater on a destroyer escort and attack cargo ship as well  
11 as an attorney for the U.S. War Department; and

12           WHEREAS, After World War II, Mr. Shaw was a Taylor County  
13 attorney for two years and then joined the law firm of Byrd, Shaw  
14 and Weeks, which became Shaw, Wilborn and Johnson in 1986; licensed  
15 to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court, Mr. Shaw enjoyed a  
16 distinguished 35-year career with the law firm, and he served 15  
17 years as president of Security Abstract Company in Abilene; and

18           WHEREAS, This esteemed HSU alumnus remained devoted to his  
19 alma mater throughout his life; he taught business law at the  
20 college and served as president of the HSU Alumni Association and as  
21 a member and chairman of its board of development; a staunch  
22 supporter of the school of music and myriad other programs, he  
23 received HSU's John J. Keeter Alumni Award, the highest honor that  
24 can be bestowed on a graduate; and

1           WHEREAS, Active in professional and community associations,  
2 Mr. Shaw held membership in the local, state, and American bar  
3 associations, and he worked on the board of the Salvation Army; a  
4 valued member of First Baptist Church in Abilene, Mr. Shaw was a  
5 longtime member of the sanctuary choir, where he sang in the men's  
6 quartet and men's ensemble; he also served as chairman of the board  
7 of deacons as well as on numerous church committees and was named  
8 deacon emeritus; and

9           WHEREAS, On September 1, 1943, Mr. Shaw married the former  
10 Dolores Michael in Wichita Falls; for more than 60 years, they  
11 shared a special bond of love, filling each other's lives with many  
12 happy times and cherished family memories; and

13           WHEREAS, Mr. Shaw was an exemplary Texan whose service to his  
14 fellowman will be of a lasting significance in the lives of  
15 countless individuals, and his memory will not soon be forgotten;  
16 now, therefore, be it

17           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
18 Legislature, 4th Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
19 Guy W. Shaw and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
20 family: to his beloved wife, Dolores Michael Shaw; to his sons,  
21 James M. Shaw, M.D., and wife Ellen, and Guy W. Shaw, Jr., and wife  
22 Elaine; to his daughter, Suzanne Shaw McClure and husband Tommy; to  
23 his sisters, Dottie Shaw Parker and Gerry Shaw Weatherby; to his 16  
24 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; to his sisters-in-law,  
25 Joy Michael and Sue Broderson and husband Emmett; and to his other  
26 relatives and many friends; and, be it further

27           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 Guy W.  
3 Shaw.