

By: Hilderbran

H.C.R. No. 64

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost a distinguished native son
2 with the passing of John W. Holtermann on January 6, 2002, at the
3 age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Holtermann was born on August 2, 1911, in
5 Sattler, and as a child was educated in a one-room schoolhouse; and

6 WHEREAS, He exchanged wedding vows with the former Gladys
7 Lehmborg on June 1, 1932, and the couple enjoyed a close and
8 fulfilling marriage until her passing in 1996; blessed with a fine
9 family that included a son and three daughters, Mr. Holtermann also
10 took great joy in his 12 grandchildren and 22 great-grandchildren;
11 and

12 WHEREAS, In 1934, Mr. Holtermann moved his family to San
13 Antonio, where he was employed in the insurance business; a decade
14 later, he embarked on a successful career with Litton Office
15 Products that spanned 37 years and prompted a move to Brownsville;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, In retirement, this highly regarded individual made
18 his home in San Marcos and continued to lead a life of exemplary
19 service in behalf of others that began in the 1940s; a charter
20 member of the Texas Silver-Haired Legislature, he was chairman
21 emeritus of its Legislative Action Committee and was known to and
22 respected by many in public office as a passionate and informed
23 advocate for the causes in which he believed; in his community, he
24 faithfully served the congregation of First United Methodist Church

1 as head usher, participated in Lions International, and served on
2 the board of the San Marcos Public Library; and

3 WHEREAS, In recognition of his selfless commitment to his
4 fellow Texans, Mr. Holtermann was accorded many accolades that
5 deeply touched this unassuming individual; in 1993 he was presented
6 with a certificate commending him for his volunteer service from
7 Governor Ann Richards, in 1998 he was honored by the Texas
8 Legislature with John W. Holtermann Day at the State Capitol, and in
9 2001 he received an award from Governor Rick Perry for his
10 outstanding dedication and service to the State of Texas; and

11 WHEREAS, The recipient of numerous awards from such entities
12 as the Texas Department on Aging, the Texas Department of Health,
13 and the City of San Marcos, he was selected as one of "The Greatest
14 Generation of Texans" by Southwest Airlines and *Texas Monthly*, and
15 the children's chapel at First United Methodist Church in San
16 Marcos was named in honor of his dedicated service as well as that
17 of his wife; and

18 WHEREAS, The life of John W. Holtermann has been an
19 immeasurable blessing to his family, to his friends, and to people
20 throughout the State of Texas, and his spirit will continue to warm
21 the hearts of all who knew and admired him; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the 78th Legislature of the State of Texas
23 hereby pay tribute to the life of John W. Holtermann and extend
24 sincere sympathy to his son, John W. Holtermann, Jr., and his wife,
25 Pat; to his daughter, June Scott, and her husband, Thomas; to his
26 sons-in-law, Robert Caldwell and Richard C. Graham; to his
27 grandchildren and great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives

1 and many friends; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
4 of Representatives and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory
5 of John W. Holtermann.