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H.R. No. 10

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Walker County lost a dear friend and trusted public
2 servant when the Honorable John James Pasket passed away on April
3 11, 2003; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong resident of New Waverly, Judge Pasket
5 attended New Waverly High School, where he participated in FFA
6 activities and graduated as valedictorian in 1964; and

7 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, he continued to be actively
8 involved in the New Waverly Independent School District; Judge
9 Pasket served on the school board, and he drove a morning and
10 evening bus route for 20 years; indicative of his commitment to
11 local education, only days before his passing, Judge Pasket
12 organized a fund drive that raised more than \$3,500 for the DECA
13 Club's trip to the national competition in Florida; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Pasket was a former vice president of New
15 Waverly State Bank and proprietor of his own service station before
16 serving 25 years with distinction and honor as justice of the peace
17 for Precinct #4; since his first election in 1978, the respected
18 civic leader ran unopposed in all subsequent elections, a
19 reflection of the high esteem in which his fellow citizens held him;
20 and

21 WHEREAS, A member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, he
22 participated in the Knights of Columbus; Judge Pasket was also a
23 member of the New Waverly Lions Club, and he helped to establish the
24 Emergency Personnel Committee for Walker County and served as its

1 committee chairman; and

2 WHEREAS, Judge Pasket further benefited his community
3 through his service as vice president of the New Waverly Library, as
4 a member of the board of directors for the New Waverly Parks
5 Foundation, and as vice president of the Heritage Society of Walker
6 County; he was a distinguished leader in the Fantastic Neighbor
7 Program and regularly assisted in the Operation Merry Christmas
8 program; and

9 WHEREAS, Judge Pasket was a notable public speaker and ably
10 filled the role of master of ceremonies for Democratic rallies in
11 Walker County as well as for Gulf Coast events and the new TxDOT
12 weigh station on I-45; and

13 WHEREAS, A dedicated family man, Judge Pasket married his
14 high school sweetheart, Joyce, and they shared a strong bond of love
15 for 30 years; their union was blessed with one daughter, Rachel, as
16 well as a son-in-law, Freddie, and grandson, Ethan James Smith;
17 Judge Pasket was also a deeply devoted son to his mother, Stella,
18 with whom he shared a special relationship; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Pasket demonstrated a great love for life
20 through his various interests and hobbies; he was fascinated by
21 wolves and indulged in a passion for automobiles; a dirt-track race
22 car driver in his youth, Judge Pasket spent his spare time
23 rebuilding a 1964 Harley Davidson motorcycle and a 1966 red Chevy SS
24 396; and

25 WHEREAS, Through his sterling tenure as justice of the peace
26 for Precinct #4 and his extensive volunteerism, Judge Pasket
27 positively influenced the lives of his fellow Texans and made his

1 community a far better place, and his legacy of good works will
2 continue to benefit individuals for generations to come; now,
3 therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of Judge John
6 James Pasket and that deepest sympathy be extended to the members of
7 his family: to his beloved wife, Joyce Pasket; to his daughter,
8 Rachel, and her husband, Freddie; to his grandson, Ethan; and to his
9 other relatives and numerous friends and admirers throughout the
10 New Waverly community; and, be it further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge John
14 James Pasket.