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H.R. No. 11

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of former Congressman John A. Young, on
2 January 22, 2002, at the age of 85, brought a great loss to the
3 family and friends of this notable Texan; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Corpus Christi, Mr. Young served as U.S.
5 Representative for Nueces and surrounding counties from 1956 to
6 1979 and was an active supporter of the Port of Corpus Christi
7 throughout his tenure; during the 1960s, he led an initiative to
8 bring an international airport to the city, and he fought
9 tirelessly to maintain funding for the Naval Air Station in Corpus
10 Christi; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Young was a key supporter of the Kennedy and
12 Johnson administrations; he served with integrity on the House
13 Rules Committee, House Merchant Marine & Fisheries Committee, and
14 House Post Office and Civil Service Committee, always keeping the
15 best interests of his constituents and his country foremost in his
16 mind; and

17 WHEREAS, In a sad footnote, Mr. Young rode in President
18 Kennedy's motorcade on the day of the president's assassination;
19 after leaving office, Mr. Young practiced law in Washington, D.C.,
20 and Corpus Christi and worked as a political consultant; and

21 WHEREAS, When he was a young man, Mr. Young graduated from St.
22 Edwards University and The University of Texas School of Law,
23 entering the Texas State Bar Association in 1940; his legal
24 ambitions were put on hold while he answered his country's call to

1 duty as a member of the U.S. Navy during World War II; after
2 retiring as a lieutenant commander, he returned to Texas and served
3 as an assistant district attorney, Nueces County attorney, and
4 Nueces County judge; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Young is remembered as a distinguished Texan
6 whose 22-year record of congressional service made his district,
7 state, and nation a better place in which to live and work; his
8 numerous contributions have ensured that his spirit will live on in
9 the hearts of the many people whose lives he touched; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John A. Young and
13 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his son,
14 John Young, Jr.; to his daughters, Gaffiny Phillips, Nancy Young,
15 and Mary Patricia Young; to his grandson; and to his other relatives
16 and many friends; and, be it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
18 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
19 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
20 Honorable John A. Young.