

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Sam Johnson, United States
2 representative for the Third Congressional District of Texas, is
3 marking the 30th anniversary of his release as a prisoner of war in
4 Vietnam and his return to the Lone Star State; and

5 WHEREAS, A career air force officer who flew with the Air
6 Force Thunderbirds and was a veteran of 62 combat missions during
7 the Korean War, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson was flying his 25th
8 combat mission in Vietnam when he was shot down on April 16, 1966;
9 ejecting from his plane, he sustained a dislocated shoulder, broken
10 arm, and broken back; and

11 WHEREAS, Following his capture, Lieutenant Colonel Johnson
12 was held at camps known as Alcatraz and the Hanoi Hilton; he endured
13 72 days in leg stocks and 2-1/2 years in leg irons, as well as 3-1/2
14 years in solitary confinement; he was ultimately released on
15 February 12, 1973, having spent nearly seven years in captivity;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, This distinguished officer retired from the service
18 with the rank of colonel in 1979; over the course of his 29-year
19 career in the air force he received two Silver Stars, two Legions of
20 Merit, the Distinguished Flying Cross, one Bronze Star with Valor,
21 two Purple Hearts, four Air Medals, and three Outstanding Unit
22 Awards; his book *Captive Warriors: A Vietnam POW's Story* was
23 published by Texas A&M University in 1992; and

24 WHEREAS, In 1984, after a few short years in private life,

1 Congressman Johnson won election to the Texas House of
2 Representatives, where he served three terms; he has represented
3 the Third Congressional District in Washington, D.C., since 1991,
4 and is now the highest-ranking Texan on the Ways and Means Committee
5 and the Committee on Education and the Workforce; he also advises
6 informally on issues regarding military readiness and serves on the
7 Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution; and

8 WHEREAS, Congressman Johnson's outstanding contributions to
9 his country and his immeasurable sacrifice in its behalf represent
10 the highest measure of patriotism, and it is a privilege to join his
11 wife Shirley, his three children, and his 10 grandchildren in
12 celebrating on February 17, 2003, the 30th anniversary of his
13 return to Texas; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
15 Legislature hereby honor Congressman Sam Johnson on the 30th
16 anniversary of his release from the prisoner of war camps of North
17 Vietnam and extend to him its profound appreciation for his
18 lifetime of exemplary public service; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for Congressman Johnson as a token of high regard by the
21 Texas House of Representatives.

McCall
Laubenberg
Madden
Paxton

Craddick	Giddings	Merritt
Allen	Goodman	Miller
Alonzo	Goolsby	Moreno of Harris
Bailey	Griggs	Moreno of El Paso
Baxter	Grusendorf	Morrison
Berman	Guillen	Mowery
Bohac	Gutierrez	Naishtat
Bonnen	Haggerty	Nixon
Branch	Hamilton	Noriega
Brown of Kaufman	Hamric	Oliveira
Brown of Brazos	Hardcastle	Olivo
Burnam	Harper-Brown	Paxton
Callegari	Hartnett	Pena
Campbell	Heflin	Phillips
Canales	Hegar	Pickett
Capelo	Hilderbran	Pitts
Casteel	Hill	Puente
Castro	Hochberg	Quintanilla
Chavez	Hodge	Rangel
Chisum	Homer	Raymond
Christian	Hope	Reyna
Coleman	Hopson	Riddle
Cook of Navarro	Howard	Ritter
Cook of Colorado	Hughes	Rodriguez
Corte	Hunter	Rose
Crabb	Hupp	Seaman
Crownover	Isett	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Harris	Jones of Lubbock	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Jones of Bexar	Smithee
Dawson	Jones of Dallas	Solis
Delisi	Keel	Solomons
Denny	Keffer of Dallas	Stick
Deshotel	Keffer of Eastland	Swinford
Driver	King	Talton
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Taylor
Dunnam	Krusee	Telford
Dutton	Kuempel	Thompson
Edwards	Laney	Truitt
Eiland	Laubenberg	Turner
Eissler	Lewis	Uresti
Elkins	Luna	Van Arsdale
Ellis	Mabry	Villarreal
Farabee	Madden	West
Farrar	Marchant	Wilson
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Wise
Flynn	McCall	Wohlgemuth
Gallego	McClendon	Wolens
Garza	McReynolds	Wong
Gattis	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Mercer	Zedler

H.R. No. 228

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 228 was adopted by the House on
February 18, 2003, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House