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H.R. No. 471

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The people of Kerrville and Kerr County lost a
2 highly esteemed civic leader with the passing of Charles H.
3 Johnston, Jr., on January 7, 2002, at the age of 88; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on November 20, 1913, in Kerrville, he was a
5 lifelong resident of the city; he graduated from Tivy High School,
6 Schreiner University, and The University of Texas at Austin; he
7 played football in high school and college and remained an avid fan
8 of the game; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnston served his country with distinction as
10 a member of the United States Navy during World War II; following
11 his military service, he returned to his hometown and the Peterson
12 Auto Company, where he became general manager; he bought the car
13 dealership in 1962 and operated the company for the next decade
14 until selling it in 1973; and

15 WHEREAS, His professional and civic involvement included
16 membership on the boards of the Texas Automobile Dealers
17 Association, Kerrville Rotary Club, Sid Peterson Memorial
18 Hospital, Hal and Charlie Peterson Foundation, Charles Schreiner
19 Bank, and Hill Country Savings and Loan; in addition, he was a
20 trustee with the Kerrville Independent School District and
21 Schreiner University and served the congregation of First
22 Presbyterian Church of Kerrville as an elder for many years; and

23 WHEREAS, In recognition of his deep commitment to his
24 community, Mr. Johnston was accorded many honors, including a 1990

1 Co-Distinguished Alumnus Award from Schreiner University;
2 moreover, he was named Outstanding Citizen of the Year in 1976 by
3 the Kerr County Chamber of Commerce and Texas Quality Dealer of 1970
4 by the Texas Automobile Dealers Association; and

5 WHEREAS, Married to the former Josephine Fawcett in 1936, Mr.
6 Johnston enjoyed a happy and fulfilling relationship with his wife
7 until her passing in 1996; he took great pride in his family,
8 including a daughter and son-in-law, a grandson, and numerous
9 nieces and nephews who were like his own children; and

10 WHEREAS, The life of Charles H. Johnston, Jr., has been an
11 immeasurable blessing to his family, his friends, and the citizens
12 of Kerr County, and his spirit will continue to light the hearts of
13 all who knew and loved him; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Charles H. Johnston,
16 Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to his daughter and son-in-law,
17 Betsy and Alton Rhoden; to his grandson, Charles Jay Rhoden; to his
18 sisters-in-law, Norma Fawcett, Ethel Fawcett, and Cornelia
19 Stehling; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
20 further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles H.
24 Johnston, Jr.