

By: Hilderbran

H.R. No. 474

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of J. Y. Little of Abilene on May 4,
2 2002, brought a great loss to the family and many friends of this
3 beloved gentleman; and

4 WHEREAS, A lifelong Texan, he was born in Wilmer on March 8,
5 1904, to proud parents Judge Carson and Ella Little; and

6 WHEREAS, In 1925, Mr. Little married Ora Carpenter, who
7 passed away in 1928; two years later, he married Alyeene Ault of
8 Weslaco and the couple shared 60 years together before her passing;
9 and

10 WHEREAS, In November 1992, Mr. Little married Mattie Rhoden,
11 and she survives him; and

12 WHEREAS, He moved to Kerrville in 1927 and began working for
13 the C. C. Butt Grocery Company, which would later become the H-E-B
14 Grocery Company; he retired as a store manager in 1969 but continued
15 to work with H-E-B as manager of the H-E-B Lodge in Kerrville until
16 he retired again, having served 55 years with H-E-B and holding the
17 record as the employee with the most years of service with the
18 company; and

19 WHEREAS, A man of faith, Mr. Little was ordained as a deacon
20 at the First Baptist Church of Weslaco in 1930 and served in this
21 capacity at other churches in towns where he and his family lived;
22 he also helped to establish the Trinity Baptist Church; and

23 WHEREAS, A number of groups benefitted from his
24 participation, and they in turn enriched his life; an active member

1 of the Kiwanis Club, he was also a Mason, a 32nd Degree Scottish
2 Rite, Knight Templar, and a Shriner; and

3 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his family, faith, and community, J. Y.
4 Little will long be missed, but his memory lives on in the hearts of
5 the many people whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby honor the life of J. Y. Little of Kerrville and
8 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
9 Mattie Rhoden Little; to his daughters, Mary Nell Froelich and
10 husband Jim, and Patsy Stephenson; to his sister, Mamie Dee Ault; to
11 his sisters-in-law Helen Ault and Dot Boothe; to his grandchildren,
12 Kay and David Taft, Carol and Dick Davis, Jamie and Steve Stokes,
13 Danny Stephenson, David and Kayla Stephenson, and Donna and David
14 Kilgo; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be it
15 further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of J. Y.
19 Little.