

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of the Honorable Elmer A. Struss, former
2 mayor of Eagle Lake, on February 24, 2003, at the age of 80, has
3 brought a great loss to the friends and relatives of this esteemed
4 gentleman, civic leader, and public servant; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on May 21, 1922, in Garwood, Mr. Struss
6 graduated third in his class at Eagle Lake High School and attended
7 Southwest Texas State University before transferring to The
8 University of Texas at Austin, where he attended law school and
9 earned his bachelor's degree in 1943; following his studies, Mr.
10 Struss answered his nation's call to arms and enlisted in the United
11 States Navy, attending Midshipmen's School in Chicago and serving
12 aboard the USS *Cushing* during World War II; and

13 WHEREAS, On his return to civilian life in Eagle Lake in 1946,
14 Mr. Struss joined the staff of the business owned and operated by
15 his family since 1912, A. J. Struss Auto Supply; highly respected
16 for his integrity and friendliness, he served as city alderman from
17 1968 until 1970 and as mayor from 1970 to 1986, the longest
18 consecutive term of any mayor in the city's history; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his many contributions to his
20 community, this distinguished Texan took an active role in
21 campaigns at both the state and federal levels, and in 1975 he
22 attended Inauguration Day ceremonies at the Texas State Capitol as
23 the personal guest of Governor Dolph Briscoe and Lieutenant
24 Governor Bill Hobby; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Struss brought intelligence and warmth to every
2 facet of his life, whether personal, political, or professional,
3 and although his presence is gone from us now, he will be long
4 remembered by the many people whose lives he touched during his
5 years on this earth; now, therefore, be it

6 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Elmer A.
8 Struss and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
9 his sons and daughters-in-law, John Struss, Darrell and Monique
10 Struss, Sidney and Barbara Struss, and Warren and Colleen Struss;
11 to his grandchildren, Mark Hogge, Tommy Hogge, Vanessa Struss,
12 Stephanie Struss, and Brandon Struss; to his six
13 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;
14 and, be it further

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

Cook of Colorado

H.R. No. 789

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 789 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 10, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House