

By: Harper-Brown

H.R. No. 1032

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The people of Irving have lost a beloved friend,
2 neighbor, and community leader with the passing of Charles Schulze,
3 Jr., on April 21, 2003, at the age of 90; and

4 WHEREAS, The Schulze family co-founded Irving 100 years ago,
5 and Mr. Schulze's stewardship was instrumental in guiding the
6 community to its present dynamic and prosperous state; and

7 WHEREAS, Born January 2, 1913, in Irving to Charles Percy
8 Schulze and Virginia Tucker Schulze, Mr. Schulze grew up in what is
9 now the historic Heritage House on O'Connor Road; and

10 WHEREAS, Attaining an excellent education, Mr. Schulze
11 attended grade school in Irving and later Holy Trinity School and
12 Dallas Academy in the Oak Lawn area; in 1933, he graduated magna cum
13 laude from St. Edward's University in Austin; and

14 WHEREAS, Mr. Schulze spent several years in Odessa and South
15 Texas while working for Sun Oil Co.; he later returned to his
16 boyhood home of Irving at the behest of his father, where he joined
17 in the family business, Irving Lumber Co., the city's oldest
18 mercantile establishment; and

19 WHEREAS, Involved in community governance, Mr. Schulze
20 served on the Irving City Council and actively campaigned to annex
21 adjacent areas and secure a home-rule charter for Irving, which
22 promoted rapid growth and prosperity for his beloved city; ever
23 extolling the virtues of Irving, Mr. Schulze served as chairman of
24 the chamber of commerce in 1958; and

1 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman held a prominent role in the
2 local business community, serving as a director of the Irving State
3 Bank and the Irving Savings and Loan Association and chairman of the
4 board of Irving's First Federal Savings and Loan; and

5 WHEREAS, Mr. Schulze was a man of deep and abiding faith,
6 devoting more than 40 years as a member of the Serra Club of Dallas,
7 which promotes and supports religious vocations, and co-founding
8 the Serra Club at the University of Dallas; and

9 WHEREAS, His ecclesiastical efforts and selfless support of
10 the Catholic faith were recognized in 1956, when Mr. Schulze was
11 knighted by the pope and inducted into the Equestrian Order of the
12 Holy Sepulchre of Jerusalem; he later was promoted to Knight Grand
13 Cross; and

14 WHEREAS, A vital link with the origins and the development of
15 the city of Irving has been broken with the passing of Charles P.
16 Schulze, Jr., a curator of historic remembrance, a captain of
17 commerce, and a servant in matters of the spirit who will not soon
18 be forgotten; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
20 Legislature hereby honor the life of Charles P. Schulze and extend
21 sincere sympathy to his family: to his beloved wife of 65 years,
22 Catherine O'Connell Schulze; to his sister-in-law, Nellie
23 O'Connell; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
24 further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Charles
4 Schulze, Jr.