

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The voice of a community has been stilled with the
2 recent death of Rick Watson of Jacksonville at the age of 64; and

3 WHEREAS, Mr. Watson was the consummate professional
4 broadcast journalist, who served as news director for eight radio
5 stations and interviewed the major political figures of his time,
6 including five presidents, during his career; the three-time Texas
7 Sportscaster of the Year, he was best known for his sports
8 broadcasting excellence, having broadcast the gridiron exploits of
9 the Jacksonville Fightin' Indians for an amazing 29 years as well as
10 numerous college sporting events; and

11 WHEREAS, With a strong, rich voice and a supportive and
12 positive attitude, Mr. Watson became an integral part of the
13 Jacksonville community and a familiar, comforting friend on the
14 radio and in the streets of his town; and

15 WHEREAS, A man who lived the dictates of his faith, Mr. Watson
16 placed the welfare of others ahead of his own, his concern for
17 humankind demonstrated by his position as an organizer and board
18 member of the HOPE organization in Jacksonville; and

19 WHEREAS, The strong, smooth voice of Mr. Watson will no
20 longer ride the crisp autumn air on Friday nights, but the memory of
21 his gracious spirit will long endure in the community where he was
22 so deeply admired; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
24 Legislature hereby honor the life of Lewis Richard "Rick" Watson

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1 and extend sincere sympathy to his family: to his wife, Sheila Ann
2 Watson; to his children, Cyndi Anne Hyde, Lydia Demetria Leighton,
3 and Shanyn Elizabeth Watson; to his sisters, Peggy Vickers and
4 Janet Hogan; to his 14 grandchildren and six great-grandchildren;
5 and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

6 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
7 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
8 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Rick
9 Watson.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1210 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 16, 2003.

Chief Clerk of the House