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H.R. No. 1212

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost a distinguished citizen and  
2 civic leader with the passing of former State Representative Emmett  
3 H. Whitehead of Rusk on August 13, 2002, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Cisco on October 9, 1925, Mr. Whitehead led a  
5 life filled with numerous professional, civic, and personal  
6 achievements; by the age of 24, he owned the local newspaper, the  
7 *Rusk Cherokeean*, and 50 years later he was honored by the Texas  
8 Press Association for his continued service in the publishing  
9 industry; he also established radio stations KTLU/KWRW, purchased  
10 the E-Z Vision Cable Co. and the Alto Herald, and operated a farm  
11 raising Hereford cattle; and

12 WHEREAS, A World War II veteran, Mr. Whitehead took his civic  
13 responsibilities seriously; he served as president of the Rusk  
14 Chamber of Commerce and worked tirelessly in behalf of area  
15 citizens for 14 years as mayor of Rusk and for four years as county  
16 judge; his years of service immensely benefited the Rusk State  
17 Hospital and helped to secure the Texas Department of Criminal  
18 Justice facilities in Rusk as well as the recent construction of a  
19 \$4 million East Texas Regional Health Care System facility north of  
20 Rusk; and

21 WHEREAS, From 1973-1981, Mr. Whitehead served with  
22 distinction in the Texas House of Representatives; his work during  
23 his tenure contributed immeasurably to the creation of the Texas  
24 State Railroad State Historical Park and the establishment of the

1 Rusk State Park; and

2 WHEREAS, Although the presence of this esteemed Texan is  
3 greatly missed, his spirit lives on in the hearts of those  
4 individuals who were fortunate enough to have known him, and the  
5 worthwhile contributions he made during his lifetime will be of  
6 lasting benefit to the Rusk community for many years to come; now,  
7 therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas  
9 Legislature hereby pay special tribute to the life of the Honorable  
10 Emmett H. Whitehead and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
11 his family: to his wife, Marie; to his daughter, Dr. Wendee  
12 Whitehead; to his daughter and son-in-law, Terrie and Robert  
13 Gonzalez; to his three grandchildren, Chris, Sandy, and Lauren  
14 Gonzalez; to his sisters-in-law, Bonnye Ivy and Shirley Roberts and  
15 husband, Dave; and to his many other relatives and friends; and, be  
16 it further

17 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
18 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
19 Representatives adjourns on this day, it do so in memory of the  
20 Honorable Emmett H. Whitehead.