

By: Gattis

H.R. No. 1442

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The community of Georgetown and the State of Texas
2 suffered a great loss with the death of Robert "Skip" Morse, judge
3 of Williamson County Court at Law No. 2, on April 12, 2002, at the
4 age of 69; and

5 WHEREAS, A graduate of Ball High School in Galveston, Judge
6 Morse attended Southwestern University, where he received his
7 bachelor's degree in business administration, before serving in the
8 United States Army from 1954 to 1956; four years later, he earned
9 his doctor of jurisprudence degree from The University of Texas
10 School of Law and then embarked on a successful career in the fields
11 of law and finance; and

12 WHEREAS, This accomplished Texan brought exceptional
13 business acumen to his work at the Certified Savings Association,
14 serving as attorney, president, and chairman over the course of his
15 illustrious 24-year tenure; a municipal judge for the City of
16 Georgetown from 1966 to 1971, he maintained a successful private
17 law practice for more than three decades and in 1991 became a judge
18 with Williamson County Court at Law No. 2, an office he held with
19 distinction until his passing in 2002; and

20 WHEREAS, In addition to his work as a public servant, Judge
21 Morse was well known throughout the community for his work as a
22 dedicated civic leader in behalf of a host of organizations,
23 including the Georgetown Rotary Club, the Georgetown
24 Sesquicentennial Commission, and the Greater Georgetown Area

1 Chamber of Commerce; a devoted member of the First United Methodist
2 Church, he joined with his wife of nearly five decades, Jo Ann, in
3 taking immense delight over the years in the couple's four children
4 and six grandchildren; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
6 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Judge Robert "Skip"
7 Morse and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to
8 his wife, Jo Ann Long Morse; to his daughters and son-in-law,
9 Elizabeth L. "Libis" Gray and Deborah and William Ford; to his sons
10 and daughters-in-law, Robert and Suzanne Morse and Gordon and Mary
11 Morse; to his grandchildren, Meredith Lind Ford, Brandon D. L.
12 Morse, William Garrett Ford, Houston E. L. Morse, Jennifer S.
13 Morse, and Sydney E. Morse; to his sisters, Patricia McNeely and
14 Anna M. Dodge; to his brother, Bleecker Lansing Morse, Jr.; and to
15 his many other relatives and friends; and, be it further

16 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
17 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House
18 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge
19 Robert "Skip" Morse.