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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of James Allen Wood on May 16, 2003, at
2 the age of 97, has left a void in the lives of the many individuals
3 who were privileged to know this remarkable gentleman; and

4 WHEREAS, Born January 14, 1906, in Warren County, Tennessee,
5 Judge Wood attended McMinnville High School and earned degrees from
6 David Lipscomb College, the University of Tennessee, and The
7 University of Texas at Austin; and

8 WHEREAS, In 1934, after having received his law degree, he
9 settled in Corpus Christi where he practiced law for more than 60
10 years; he was a member of the Texas Supreme Court Advisory Committee
11 on Rules of Civil Procedure from 1949 to 1986, the Board of
12 Directors of the Nueces River Authority from 1972 to 1988, and the
13 American College of Trial Lawyers; and

14 WHEREAS, Appointed judge of the 94th District Court of Nueces
15 County by Governor W. Lee "Pappy" O'Daniel in 1941 and subsequently
16 by Governor Coke Stevenson, this patriotic American also served his
17 country as a lieutenant commander in the U.S. Navy during World War
18 II; and

19 WHEREAS, Judge Wood was a member of numerous civic and
20 professional organizations; he was a mentor to two generations of
21 South Texas lawyers and was honored in 1983 with the Corpus Christi
22 Bar Association's Cecil E. Burney Humanitarian Award; and

23 WHEREAS, A man of compassion, humor, and literary talent, he
24 authored seven unpublished volumes of poetry, including *Life on a*

1 *Warren County Farm, 1906-1923 and Items--Serious and Not*; he was
2 preceded in death by his wife of nearly 50 years, the former Eva
3 Beth Sellers; and

4 WHEREAS, Judge Wood made notable contributions to his
5 community and this state, and although his loss is deeply felt, his
6 legacy will live on for many years to come; now, therefore, be it

7 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 78th Texas
8 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Judge James Allen Wood
9 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
10 son, Eben Calhoun Wood; to his granddaughter, Sarah Elizabeth Wood;
11 to his friend, Sharon Emerson; and to the many other relatives and
12 friends of this esteemed gentleman; and, be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James Allen
16 Wood.