

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 923

In Memory  
of  
John E. Riley

**WHEREAS**, The Senate of the State of Texas joins the citizens of La Porte in mourning the loss of John E. Riley, who died April 17, 2003, at the age of 78; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Riley was born in Trenton, Missouri, on February 8, 1925; after graduating from high school, he served in the United States Navy during World War II; he earned a bachelor's degree from the University of Kansas in 1948; and

**WHEREAS**, After college, Jack worked for newspapers in Kansas and Missouri and was employed by General Dynamics; and

**WHEREAS**, In 1959, he took a position with the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, where he spent 33 years in the public affairs department; he was the NASA spokesman who provided commentary during the first moon walk, in 1969; and

**WHEREAS**, A man who dearly loved his work, Jack was especially proud of his involvement with the Apollo 13 mission, for which he carried major responsibilities; he was awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom for his role in the mission; and

**WHEREAS**, A man of integrity, strength, and generosity, Jack gave unselfishly of his time to others, and his wisdom, warmth, and valued counsel will not be forgotten by those who knew him; and

**WHEREAS**, Jack Riley lived his life to the fullest and was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and he leaves behind

memories that will be treasured forever by his family and many friends; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 78th Legislature, hereby extend sincere condolences to the bereaved family of John E. Riley: his wife, Pat Riley; his sons, Kevin, Sean, and Brian Riley; his daughter, Kerry Regan; his sister, Joanne Montgomery; and his 12 grandchildren; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That a copy of this Resolution be prepared for the members of his family as an expression of deepest sympathy from the Texas Senate, and that when the Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John E. Riley.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on May 21, 2003, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate