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H.R. No. 253

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of Floyd Franklin Watson of Pampa on  
2 August 16, 2005, at the age of 83, has brought a profoundly felt  
3 loss to the family members and friends of this esteemed Texan; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on March 26, 1922, in Sherman, Mr. Watson  
5 graduated from Denton High School in 1939 and served his country in  
6 the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II; he wed Maxine Loader in  
7 Denton on June 22, 1946, and enjoyed a long and happy marriage that  
8 was blessed with three children; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Watson had a successful career in banking that  
10 began in 1942 when he accepted a position as a bookkeeper for the  
11 First State Bank in Denton; in 1944, he joined the Texas Department  
12 of Banking as assistant examiner, and two years later, he was  
13 employed by Citizens Bank and Trust Company in Pampa, where, over  
14 the course of 12 years, he rose through the ranks from cashier to  
15 executive vice president; and

16           WHEREAS, In 1959, he began a 36-year tenure with First  
17 National Bank, eventually serving as bank president and chairman of  
18 the board before his retirement in 1995; Mr. Watson further  
19 distinguished himself as a member of the Texas Bankers Association  
20 board of directors and the Regional Advisory Committee of the  
21 National Banking Department's Office of the Comptroller of  
22 Currency; and

23           WHEREAS, Despite his many professional responsibilities, Mr.  
24 Watson gave generously of his time and talents to a host of civic

1 organizations; he served as president of the local Rotary Club,  
2 Jaycees, and United Way board, and the Pampa Chamber of Commerce and  
3 Board of City Development, Pampa ISD board of trustees, and Pampa  
4 Industrial Foundation; moreover, he was treasurer and one of the  
5 original organizers and directors of the Pampa Youth and Community  
6 Center and a highly valued member of First Baptist Church, where he  
7 chaired the Deacon Board, taught Sunday school, and participated in  
8 the Everyman's Bible Class; and

9 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have known Floyd Watson  
10 will remember his dedication to his family and his community;  
11 although he will be sorely missed, his spirit will continue to live  
12 on in the hearts of those whose lives he so richly blessed; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
15 Legislature, 2nd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of  
16 Floyd Franklin Watson and extend deepest sympathy to the members of  
17 his family: to his daughters, Linda Ferguson and her husband,  
18 Clint, and Beth Duggan and her husband, John; to his son, Randall F.  
19 Watson; to his grandchildren, Trey Ferguson and his wife, Adrienne,  
20 David Ferguson and his wife, Holly, Abby Cobb and her husband, Beau,  
21 Eric Duggan, Emily Watson, and Luke Watson; to his  
22 great-grandchildren, Seth Ferguson and Maddie Cobb; and to his  
23 other relatives and friends; and, be it further

24 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
25 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
26 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Floyd  
27 Franklin Watson.