

By: Hilderbran

H.R. No. 41

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends mourn the death of James Layton
2 Snyder of Kerrville, yet his passing on November 19, 2005, at the
3 age of 86, offers an opportunity to honor the legacy of this
4 remarkable man; and

5 WHEREAS, Born in Callahan County to Lula Driskill Snyder and
6 Cyrus Byron Snyder on June 28, 1919, Mr. Snyder earned his
7 bachelor's degree from Texas Tech University in 1941; his tenure at
8 Texas Tech was highlighted by his election as class president
9 during his freshman and senior years, and also by his service as
10 student body president; in 1989, he was named a Distinguished
11 Alumnus of the University in tribute to his achievements as a
12 college student and his equally impressive success as a
13 businessman; and

14 WHEREAS, It was during his years at Texas Tech that Mr. Snyder
15 met his future wife, the former Marguerite Brannen; following his
16 graduation, he served for four years in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS
17 *Lejeune*, a troop transport ship, before being honorably discharged
18 from the service with the rank of lieutenant commander and
19 returning to his native Texas; and

20 WHEREAS, After working briefly for IBM in Dallas and Fort
21 Worth, Mr. Snyder moved to Baird to start a ranching business with
22 his wife; later business interests included Alderman-Cave Milling
23 and Grain Company and Win-Tex Cattle Feeders, Inc.; and

24 WHEREAS, An active member of his community and a leader in the

1 ranching industry, Mr. Snyder served as president of the Baird
2 Chamber of Commerce, the Baird ISD School Board, and the National
3 Ranching Heritage Association; in 1977, he was appointed to the
4 Texas Tech University Board of Regents by Governor Dolph Briscoe,
5 and in 1983 he was named to the Texas Animal Health Commission by
6 Governor Mark White; and

7 WHEREAS, Mr. Snyder practiced his faith as a member of the
8 First United Methodist Church of Baird, where he served his fellow
9 congregants as a member of the board of stewards and as chair of the
10 17th Congressional District; he was also an active member of Baird
11 Masonic Lodge No. 522, the West Texas Rehabilitation Center, the
12 West Texas Fair Association, and the Texas Law Enforcement and
13 Youth Development Foundation; and

14 WHEREAS, James Snyder led a rewarding life filled with
15 purposeful endeavor, and his spirit lives on in the hearts of his
16 family and friends and all those who were privileged to know him;
17 now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
19 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
20 James Layton Snyder and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of
21 his family: to his sons, Byron Snyder and his wife, Martha Ann, and
22 Jim Snyder and his wife, Kim; to his grandchildren, Gregg Snyder and
23 his wife, Sarah, and Natialie and Meredith Snyder; to his brother,
24 Ralph Snyder; and to the other relatives and friends of this
25 esteemed gentleman; and, be it further

26 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
27 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of

H.R. No. 41

1 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of James
2 Layton Snyder.

