

By: Dunnam

H.R. No. 163

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and generous life came to an end with the
2 passing of Lyndon Lowell Olson, Sr., of Waco on December 20, 2005,
3 at the age of 80; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on January 22, 1925, this Waco native attended
5 John Tarleton Military Institute after graduating from Waco High
6 School in 1942; he enlisted in the U.S. Army at the age of 18 and
7 went on to attain the rank of captain before returning to his
8 hometown to resume his studies at Baylor University; graduating
9 from Baylor Law School in 1950, he was appointed city attorney for
10 Waco at the age of 27; and

11 WHEREAS, After serving in that capacity for four years,
12 Mr. Olson joined the firm of Bryan, Maxwell, Wilson and Olson as a
13 partner; the firm later became Olson and Olson, when he went into
14 partnership with his son, Charles; engaged in the private practice
15 of law for 55 years, Mr. Olson was of counsel with the law firm of
16 Haley & Olson at the time of his passing; moreover, he was the
17 incorporating attorney for the City of Bellmead and served as its
18 city attorney for more than 50 years; and

19 WHEREAS, In addition to his professional achievements,
20 Mr. Olson made significant contributions to his community through
21 his work as chair of the Brazos River Authority and as president of
22 the Waco School Board, the Greater Waco Chamber of Commerce, and the
23 Waco-McLennan County Bar Association; he also served on the board
24 of the Salvation Army and was a 33rd Degree Scottish Rite Mason; and

1 WHEREAS, A lifelong congregant of Central Presbyterian
2 Church, Mr. Olson taught the men's Sunday school class for 46 years
3 and served as chair of the board of deacons and the board of
4 trustees and as a ruling elder; an Eagle Scout at the church in his
5 youth, he reestablished Troop No. 21 in the 1950s and served as its
6 scoutmaster; and

7 WHEREAS, A devoted husband and father, Mr. Olson took great
8 delight in spending time with his family at their ranch on the
9 Bosque River, and he enthusiastically shared that joy with
10 innumerable friends and visitors through the years; and

11 WHEREAS, Lyn Olson was a wise and compassionate gentleman who
12 leaves behind a legacy of good works that will continue to benefit
13 his fellow Texans for years to come; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
15 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
16 Lyndon Lowell Olson, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy to the
17 members of his family: to his wife, Mary Frances McLaughlin Olson;
18 to his sons, Lyndon Lowell Olson, Jr., and his wife, Kay, and
19 Charles Dale Olson, and his wife, Kris; to his granddaughters,
20 Elisabeth Lial Olson and Anne Kristine Olson; to his brother,
21 William A. Olson, and his wife, Virginia; to his sister-in-law,
22 Rosemyrtle McLaughlin; to his nieces and nephews, Suzanne Olson
23 Waldrep, William A. Olson, Jr., John F. Olson, and Judy Olson
24 Dell'Osso; to his executive secretary of more than 50 years, Bunny
25 Allison, and her husband, Dean; and to his other relatives and
26 friends; and, be it further

27 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be

H.R. No. 163

1 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
2 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lyndon
3 Lowell Olson, Sr.