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H.R. No. 322

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with loving moments,  
2 joyful times, and meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family  
3 and friends of Murray Henderson Nance, Jr., of Sherman, who passed  
4 away on March 7, 2006, at the age of 89; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Waco on March 14, 1916, Murray Nance was a  
6 youth leader at Calvary Baptist Church and a state champion in Sword  
7 Drill, a Bible verse contest; he attended Waco High School, where he  
8 played football and became active in student government, serving as  
9 class vice-president his senior year; he went on to earn a  
10 bachelor's degree and a law degree from Baylor University, where he  
11 met his wife, Pauline; and

12           WHEREAS, After college, Mr. Nance accepted an appointment as  
13 a special agent for the Federal Bureau of Investigation before  
14 returning to Texas and beginning his law career; he served as city  
15 attorney of Sherman and was elected three times as county attorney  
16 for Grayson County; he then built his private practice, the Nance &  
17 Caston Law Firm, which he operated for almost 50 years; over the  
18 course of his career, he was a director for the junior state bar and  
19 president of the Grayson County bar association; a man of diverse  
20 interests, he also participated in the real estate market and  
21 co-owned Security Title, Inc.; and

22           WHEREAS, This esteemed Texan made myriad noteworthy  
23 contributions to the North Texas city he called home; among his  
24 leadership roles, he served as president of the Grayson County

1 Child Welfare Unit, Sherman Camp Fire Girls, the board of trustees  
2 for the Sherman public schools, the local Lions Club, and the  
3 Grayson County Easter Seal Society, which he helped transform into  
4 the Grayson County Rehabilitation Center and continued to serve  
5 until his passing; during his tenure with Camp Fire Girls, he and  
6 others designed and built a camp at nearby Lake Texoma that is still  
7 in use by Camp Fire campers and others today; and

8 WHEREAS, A valued member of First Baptist Church of Sherman,  
9 he served congregants as a longtime men's Bible teacher and as the  
10 chair of several committees; moreover, he assisted in the  
11 construction of two new buildings; and

12 WHEREAS, In courthouses and around town, Mr. Nance was known  
13 for his snappy attire, which always included a coat, white shirt,  
14 and bowtie, lovingly made by his wife; and

15 WHEREAS, A cherished husband, father, grandfather, and  
16 friend, Murray Nance will be deeply missed by all those who were  
17 privileged to know him and by those who were touched by his  
18 dedication to his community; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
20 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, pay tribute to the life of Murray  
21 Henderson Nance, Jr., and extend sincere sympathy to the members of  
22 his family: to his wife of 64 years, Pauline Johnson Nance; to his  
23 daughters, Brenda Nance Morgan and her husband, Jim, and Marsha  
24 Nance King and her husband, Steven; to his grandchildren, Lindsay  
25 Young Millard and her husband, John, Garrett Henderson Young and  
26 his wife, Elizabeth, Christopher King, Colin King, Allison Manuela  
27 Morgan, and Zachary Sever Morgan; to his sister, Martha Jean Nance

1 Brown; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
2 further

3           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Murray  
6 Henderson Nance, Jr.