

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Hershell H. Nixon of Houston has distinguished
2 himself as a man of science, a respected author of both fiction and
3 nonfiction, and a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and it
4 is indeed fitting to recognize his many accomplishments; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of Duncan, Oklahoma, Mr. Nixon was born on
6 August 4, 1923, the fourth of six children; and

7 WHEREAS, He served in the U.S. Navy as a quartermaster on the
8 USS *Iowa*, the USS *Pokomoke*, and the USS *Topeka*; and

9 WHEREAS, Two days after his 26th birthday, he married Joan
10 Lowery, and the couple moved to Texas, where they enjoyed a union
11 that was blessed with a large and loving family that eventually grew
12 to include their children, Kathleen Marie Brush, Maureen Louise
13 Quinlan, Joseph Michael Nixon, and Eileen Marie McGowan, and their
14 grandchildren, Melia Brush, Nicole Brush, Veronica Brush, Brian
15 Quinlan, Michael Quinlan, Sean Quinlan, Andrew Quinlan, Bridget
16 Quinlan, Timothy Quinlan, Nicholas Nixon, Stewart Nixon, Matthew
17 Nixon, and Katherine Joan McGowan; and

18 WHEREAS, A geologist, Mr. Nixon was trained at the University
19 of Southern California and worked in this demanding field for four
20 decades; and

21 WHEREAS, Like his wife, an award-winning novelist, Mr. Nixon
22 is a talented writer, and with her he authored five children's books
23 on earth science; and

24 WHEREAS, At the age of 80, Mr. Nixon broke new artistic ground

1 for himself with the publication of a novel, *The Long Way West*, for
2 which he won the Western Heritage Award from the Western Writers of
3 America and was inducted into the Cowboy Hall of Fame; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Nixon's own story is that of a life well lived,
5 and as its happy protagonist he may rightly take pride and
6 satisfaction in his many and varied achievements; now, therefore,
7 be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature, 3rd Called Session, hereby honor Hershell H. Nixon and
10 extend to him sincere best wishes for continued happiness; and, be
11 it further

12 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
13 prepared for Mr. Nixon as an expression of high regard by the Texas
14 House of Representatives.

Nixon

H.R. No. 468

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 468 was adopted by the House on May 12, 2006, by a non-record vote.

Chief Clerk of the House