

By: Chisum

H.R. No. 25

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The family and friends of Bill Wyatt Waters were  
2 deeply saddened by the passing of this distinguished lawyer and  
3 longtime Pampa civic leader on August 4, 2004, at the age of 79; and

4           WHEREAS, Mr. Waters was born in Idalou on November 23, 1924;  
5 he graduated from Pampa High School in 1943, studied engineering at  
6 New York University while a member of the armed forces, and received  
7 a law degree from The University of Texas in 1949; and

8           WHEREAS, Answering his country's call to service, he  
9 distinguished himself as an engineer in the U.S. Army in Europe from  
10 1944 to 1945, where his exceptional bravery earned him multiple  
11 Bronze Stars; and

12           WHEREAS, After completing law school, Mr. Waters returned to  
13 Pampa to establish a practice; one year later, in 1950, he won  
14 election as county attorney of Gray County, and after four years in  
15 that post he served 14 years as district attorney; he returned to  
16 private practice on a full-time basis in 1969 and continued to work  
17 as an attorney for more than three decades, retiring from the firm  
18 of Waters, Holt & Fields shortly before his death; and

19           WHEREAS, During his remarkable career, this esteemed  
20 gentleman was active in a host of professional organizations; his  
21 service included terms as president of the Texas District and  
22 County Attorneys Association, district director of the State Bar of  
23 Texas, and member of the State Bar of Texas Professional Ethics  
24 Committee; and

1           WHEREAS, Mr. Waters lent his time and talents to many worthy  
2 civic endeavors, serving as a director of the Canadian River  
3 Municipal Water Authority, trustee and chairman of the M. K. Brown  
4 Foundation, trustee and secretary of the Gray-Pampa Foundation, and  
5 board member for the Fairview Cemetery Association, Pampa  
6 Industrial Foundation, Pampa Youth and Community Center, and Pampa  
7 Economic Development Corporation; in addition, he was a charter  
8 member of the Mary Ellen and Harvester Church of Christ, where he  
9 taught a Bible class and held the office of deacon; and

10           WHEREAS, Named Pampa Citizen of the Year in 1989, Mr. Waters  
11 received further accolades from Rotary International and the  
12 Masonic Grand Lodge of Texas; he was inducted into the Pampa  
13 Harvester Hall of Fame in 2000 and inducted posthumously into the  
14 Panhandle Veterans Hall of Honor; and

15           WHEREAS, Bill Waters was married to Elaine Carlson Waters  
16 from 1946 until her passing in 1979; in 1982 he married Sandra  
17 Enloe; a devoted husband, he was also the proud father of two sons  
18 and a stepdaughter; and

19           WHEREAS, Over the course of more than half a century, Bill  
20 Waters embodied the highest standards of his profession while  
21 contributing immeasurably to the civic spirit and progress of his  
22 community, and the blessing of his life will be forever cherished by  
23 those who were privileged to share in the warmth of his love and  
24 friendship; now, therefore, be it

25           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
26 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bill W. Waters and  
27 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,

1 Sandra Waters; to his sons, Leland Wyatt Waters and Steven David  
2 Waters; to his stepdaughter, Julianna Enloe Gilbert; to his  
3 grandsons, Colbert Wyatt Waters, David Daniel Waters, Samuel  
4 Jennings Waters, George Armstrong Waters, and Braden Christopher  
5 Gilbert; to his granddaughters, Kellen Elaine Brown, Emily Diane  
6 Waters, Grace Adele Waters, Katharine Alexis Gilbert, and Madeline  
7 Grace Gilbert; and to his two great-grandchildren; and, be it  
8 further

9           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
10 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
11 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bill W.  
12 Waters.