

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The State of Texas lost an esteemed writer and  
2 political figure with the death of Clyde E. Johnson, Sr., of  
3 Corsicana on February 12, 2005, at the age of 83; and

4           WHEREAS, Best known as the director of the State Democratic  
5 Executive Committee and aide to Congressman J. J. "Jake" Pickle,  
6 this lifelong Democrat, political activist, and journalist played  
7 an integral role in uniting the Texas Democratic Party during the  
8 turbulent 1950s; and

9           WHEREAS, Born in Lake City, Arkansas, on January 19, 1922,  
10 Mr. Johnson came to Texas to work as a reporter for the *Corsicana*  
11 *Daily Sun*, where he wrote a column for many years; he later worked  
12 as a press aide and speechwriter for Texas Agriculture Commissioner  
13 John White and served as campaign manager for Congressman Pickle's  
14 first election to the U.S. House of Representatives; and

15           WHEREAS, In addition to his longtime association with  
16 Congressman Pickle and his leadership of the Texas Democratic Party  
17 under Governor Price Daniel, Mr. Johnson enjoyed a career as a  
18 Realtor, director of customer service relations for the U.S. Post  
19 Office, and county treasurer for Navarro County; he was also a  
20 member of St. John's Episcopal Church; and

21           WHEREAS, Described by those who knew him as a loyal friend  
22 with a deep appreciation for history and a delightful sense of  
23 humor, Clyde Johnson will undoubtedly be greatly missed by his  
24 loved ones, but he will long be remembered by citizens across Texas

1 as an engaged and committed writer and activist who dedicated his  
2 career to working for the good of the common man; now, therefore, be  
3 it

4         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Clyde E. Johnson, Sr.,  
6 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
7 wife, Ann Johnson; to his children and their spouses, Catherine  
8 Johnson, Robert Johnson and his wife, Joan, Amanda Clanton and her  
9 husband, Don, and Clyde E. Johnson, Jr.; to his grandsons, Dillon  
10 and Steven Beevers; and to his other relatives and many friends and  
11 admirers throughout the state; and, be it further

12         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
13 prepared for the members of Mr. Johnson's family and that when the  
14 House of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of  
15 Clyde E. Johnson, Sr.

Cook of Navarro

H.R. No. 596

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 596 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 17, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House