

By: Cook of Navarro

H.R. No. 596

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.