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H.R. No. 760

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life well lived may comfort the family
2 and friends of Crawford Godfrey of Jacksonville, who died on
3 February 24, 2005, at the age of 92; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Kerrville on January 21, 1913, Mr. Godfrey
5 spent his early years in Crandall and graduated from Kaufman High
6 School; after attending Schreiner College, he went on to earn a
7 degree from The University of Texas; and

8 WHEREAS, He married the love of his life, Helen Gray, in 1936,
9 and the couple enjoyed an enduring union until her passing in 1997;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Successful in a number of professional ventures, Mr.
12 Godfrey was an accountant and later a partner with the Childs Food
13 company, which merged with Kroger in 1957; he moved to Shreveport to
14 work with Kroger and also bought two radio stations and co-owned an
15 automobile business; he became president of Nichols Industries and
16 served as a director of Kusan when it merged with Nichols; he
17 participated in the merger of Kusan with Bethlehem Steel, and in
18 1969 he purchased S-K Church Furniture Company; and

19 WHEREAS, A respected community leader, Mr. Godfrey was
20 president of the United Fund, Jacksonville Public Library, and
21 local Kiwanis club, as well as a lieutenant governor with the
22 Kiwanis organization; he was on the boards of directors of the
23 chamber of commerce and the Jacksonville Industrial Foundation, and
24 he served as mayor and on the city council; an active congregant of

1 the First Presbyterian Church for nearly 70 years, he was selected
2 an advisory director of Austin Bank and was on the Nan Travis
3 Hospital board for 30 years; and

4 WHEREAS, Crawford Godfrey touched the lives of countless
5 individuals during his lifetime, and he will long be remembered for
6 his impressive achievements and his unwavering commitment to his
7 community; now, therefore, be it

8 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
9 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Crawford Godfrey and
10 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his sons
11 and daughters-in-law, Thomas Gray Godfrey, Gary Crawford and Lois
12 Ann Godfrey, and James David and Jean Godfrey; to his grandchildren
13 and their spouses, David Gray and Rebecca Godfrey, Jennifer Lynelle
14 and Geoffrey Bennett, Stephen Crawford and Laurie Godfrey, and
15 Kevin Gray and Sara Godfrey; to his great-grandchildren, Ruth
16 Lynelle Bennett and Madison Lea, Gavin Brant, Mandalyn Grahm, Kade
17 Crawford, and Gray Joshua Godfrey; to his sister, Merle Bounds; and
18 to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Crawford
22 Godfrey.