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H.R. No. 784

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Friends and family mourn the passing Whitt Franklin  
2 Johnson, former mayor of West University Place, on February 22,  
3 2005, at the age of 94; and

4           WHEREAS, A native of Childress, Mr. Johnson moved to West  
5 University Place in 1947, after serving his country in the U.S. Air  
6 Corps during World War II; he distinguished himself in his adopted  
7 hometown as city manager for 31 years and later led the city as  
8 mayor from 1991 until 1993; among his finest accomplishments was  
9 providing city employees with benefits after retirement; moreover,  
10 he shared his expertise in retirement matters as a member of the  
11 Texas Municipal Retirement System Board of Trustees for 24 years;  
12 and

13           WHEREAS, This public-spirited gentleman expressed his  
14 devotion to the city of West University Place in numerous ways,  
15 serving as board chair of West University United Methodist Church  
16 and as a member of the West University Historical Society, Rotary  
17 Club, and Masonic Lodge No. 1292; in 1977, the community honored him  
18 with the dedication of Whitt Johnson Park for his many years of  
19 service; and

20           WHEREAS, Beloved by his family and friends and admired  
21 throughout the community, Whitt Johnson was known for his dynamic  
22 personality and dedication to helping others, and he will be dearly  
23 missed by all those who were touched by his deep commitment to his  
24 city; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
2           Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Whitt Franklin  
3           Johnson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
4           his wife of 69 years, Fae Marie McBride Johnson; to his daughters,  
5           Kay Ann Bednarski and her husband, Fred, and Judy Embrey; to his  
6           grandchildren, Katie Walmsley and her husband, Robert, Freddie  
7           Bednarski and his wife, Samantha, Kristina West and her husband,  
8           Barry, Elizabeth Massengale and her husband, Jake, and Ty Embrey  
9           and Doak Embrey; to his eight great-grandchildren; and to his other  
10          relatives and friends; and, be it further

11          RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
12          prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
13          Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Whitt  
14          Franklin Johnson.