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H.R. No. 797

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Honorable Edward James Ryan of New York passed  
2 away on February 16, 2005, at the age of 80, and his loss has left a  
3 void in the lives of his family and friends; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in New York City's Greenwich Village on April  
5 13, 1924, Judge Ryan spent most of his life in his home state;  
6 however, in 1985, after retiring from his position as U.S.  
7 bankruptcy judge of the Eastern District of New York, he served as a  
8 recalled annuitant in the Southern District of Texas for two years  
9 in an effort to help alleviate the district's large backlog of  
10 cases, and his decision to offer his services greatly benefited the  
11 bankruptcy courts in Texas; and

12           WHEREAS, A graduate of Regis High School, Judge Ryan served  
13 in Europe with the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps from 1943 to 1945  
14 and was awarded the Bronze Star; he attended Fordham University  
15 School of Business and the University of Pittsburgh before earning  
16 his LL.B. degree from St. John's University School of Law and his  
17 LL.M. degree from New York University School of Law; and

18           WHEREAS, Before beginning his judicial tenure with the  
19 Eastern District of New York, this esteemed gentleman clerked for  
20 U.S. District Judge Sidney Sugarman and served as a pretrial  
21 examiner in the Southern District of New York; moreover, he  
22 authored *Collier's Bankruptcy Forms Manual* and coauthored the  
23 second edition of that publication and served as an adjunct  
24 associate professor of law at St. John's School of Law from 1969 to

1 1975; and

2 WHEREAS, After returning to his home state in 1987, Judge  
3 Ryan joined the law firm of Cole & Dietz; he also devoted several  
4 more years of his life to serving as a recalled annuitant with the  
5 Eastern District of New York; and

6 WHEREAS, A man of integrity, dedication, and generosity,  
7 Judge Edward James Ryan made significant contributions to the  
8 welfare of the State of Texas during his lifetime, and it is fitting  
9 to acknowledge his service by extending honorary Texan status to  
10 this distinguished jurist; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
12 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Edward James Ryan and  
13 posthumously confer on him the status of honorary Texan; and, be it  
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge  
18 Edward James Ryan.