

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The certain knowledge of a life well lived may  
2 temper the profound sadness that the passing of Warden John Newell  
3 of Richardson on August 21, 2003, at the age of 68, brought to all  
4 who loved this esteemed gentleman; and

5           WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Mr. Newell was born  
6 in Alice and raised in Alpine, where he was valedictorian of his  
7 graduating class; he went on to attend Princeton University and  
8 earned his bachelor's degree from The University of Texas in 1956;  
9 and

10          WHEREAS, Mr. Newell had a distinguished career with Chance  
11 Vought Aircraft, and he was involved with the design and  
12 development of some of the earliest solid-state electronics, worked  
13 on the design of guidance and control systems for aircraft and  
14 missiles, and made substantial contributions to the Lance Missile;  
15 after 40 years of service, he retired as director of system  
16 engineering from Lockheed Martin Vought Systems in 1996; and

17          WHEREAS, Passionate about music, this talented Texan began  
18 playing the trumpet at the age of six and continued into his  
19 retirement years; he played in the Grand Prairie, Irving, and  
20 Garland Symphony Orchestras and served as the first president of  
21 the Richardson Community Band, of which he was a member for more  
22 than 20 years; and

23          WHEREAS, Warden Newell was a devoted husband and father whose  
24 creativity, enthusiasm, and ingenuity endeared him to many, and

1 while he is deeply missed, his spirit lives on in the hearts of the  
2 people whose lives he touched; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby honor the life of Warden John Newell and extend  
5 deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Helen  
6 Tweed Newell; to his children, Kate Torrance, Anita Newell, John  
7 Newell III, Robert Newell, Mark Newell, Jerry Newell, Guy Davis,  
8 Melanie Acosta, and Stephanie Schroeder; to his daughters-in-law,  
9 Kathy Newell and Kristan Davis; to his sons-in-law, Jad Torrance,  
10 Joel Acosta, and Jamie Schroeder; to his siblings, Laura Pattillo,  
11 Joanna Cowell and her husband, Lee, David Newell and his wife,  
12 Malia, and Tom Van Auken and his wife, Nancy; to his grandchildren,  
13 Loretta and Meredith Newell, Emily, Evelyn, Lane, and Luke Acosta,  
14 and Madeleine and Grant Davis; and to his other relatives and many  
15 friends; and, be it further

16         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Warden John  
19 Newell.

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H.R. No. 1062

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1062 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 14, 2005.

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Chief Clerk of the House