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H.R. No. 1117

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Marcus Fay Vasocu were
2 deeply saddened by his death on February 18, 2005, at the age of 86;
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4 WHEREAS, Born on January 12, 1919, in Natchitoches,
5 Louisiana, Mr. Vasocu moved to Longview as a child and graduated
6 from Longview High School; he studied at The University of Texas at
7 Austin and received a bachelor of business administration degree;
8 he served with distinction in the U.S. Navy during World War II and
9 earned the rank of 2nd lieutenant; and

10 WHEREAS, After the war, Mr. Vasocu attended Southern
11 Methodist University Law School and moved back to Longview, where
12 he practiced law for many years; in 1969, Governor Preston Smith
13 appointed him to be the first judge of the 188th Judicial District
14 Court in Gregg County, where he was involved in some of East Texas'
15 most high profile cases, including two that reached the U.S.
16 Supreme Court; he retired from his judicial post on January 1, 1987;
17 and

18 WHEREAS, A fair and consistent judge who also had a good sense
19 of humor and loved to fish, he was a member of the American Legion,
20 the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Masons, and a longtime
21 congregant of the First Baptist Church in Longview; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Vasocu positively influenced the lives of
23 countless individuals; he leaves a legacy of personal
24 accomplishments and judicial excellence, and he will not soon be

1 forgotten; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Marcus Fay Vasocu and
4 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife
5 of 63 years, Jacqueline; to his daughters and their husbands, Karen
6 and Jerry Woolf and Ann and Ed Davis; to his granddaughters, Kristin
7 Crawford and her husband, Kevin, and Lindsey Woolf; to his
8 grandsons, Marc Davis and Scott Davis; to his sister, Naomi
9 Kilgore; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
10 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 Judge
14 Marcus Fay Vasocu.