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H.R. No. 2111

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, With the untimely passing of John Wayne Gregory on
2 May 12, 2005, at the age of 60, the Baytown community lost a valued
3 resident and dear friend; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on March 16, 1945, in Roanoke, Virginia, "Big
5 John" was a two-time All-American defensive tackle who went on to
6 play on two national championship football teams at Kilgore Junior
7 College, where he met his future bride, Judy; and

8 WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Gregory were joined in matrimony in
9 1966; they transferred to Wichita State University in Kansas, where
10 he received his bachelor's degree, and moved to Baytown in 1971;
11 after a 17-year career with U.S. Steel, this esteemed gentleman
12 went to work for Ethyl Corporation/M.E.M.C. in Pasadena; and

13 WHEREAS, A member of Cedar Bayou United Methodist Church, Mr.
14 Gregory was an accomplished handyman who loved woodworking and also
15 enjoyed the time he spent in keeping up his impeccably manicured
16 yard; and

17 WHEREAS, The love and friendship that "Big John" Gregory
18 shared with his family and friends was truly a blessing in their
19 lives, and the memory of this gentle giant will long be carried in
20 their hearts; now, therefore, be it

21 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 79th Texas
22 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John Wayne Gregory and
23 extend deep sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Judy
24 Gregory; to his children, Lisa and Steve Sherron, Lauren Gregory,

1 and Ryan Gregory; to his grandchild, Mackenzie Sherron; to his
2 brothers, Bob and Jack Gregory; to his brother-in-law, Marvin
3 Girouard, and his wife, Felice; and to all who mourn the passing of
4 this beloved man; and, be it further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representative adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Wayne
8 Gregory.