

SENATE RESOLUTION NO. 339

In Memory  
of  
Whitt Franklin Johnson

**WHEREAS**, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and meaningful accomplishments may comfort the family and friends of Whitt Franklin Johnson, who passed away on February 22, 2005, at the age of 94; and

**WHEREAS**, Born on January 12, 1911, in Childress, Mr. Johnson bravely served his country in World War II as a member of the United States Army Air Corps; and

**WHEREAS**, Following his return to civilian life, he and his wife, Fae Marie, moved to West University Place, a community that would benefit tremendously from his leadership; city manager for 31 years, he later served as mayor, in which position he worked to provide city employees a monthly annuity, as well as other benefits after retirement; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Johnson gave of his time and talents to a host of notable organizations; active with Masonic Lodge Number 1292, a charter member of the West University Rotary Club, and a founding member of the West University Historical Society, he also served the Texas Municipal Retirement System Board as a trustee for 24 years and the West University United Methodist Church as a former chairman of the board and member of the Fidelis class; and

**WHEREAS**, In recognition of his dedication to the city he was proud to call home, this dynamic Texan was recognized with the naming of a park in his honor; and

**WHEREAS**, Those fortunate enough to have known Whitt Johnson will long remember his zest for life, his winning personality, and his love of family and community; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, That the Senate of the State of Texas, 79th Legislature, hereby pay special tribute to the life of Whitt Franklin Johnson and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: his wife of 69 years, Fae Marie McBride Johnson; his daughters, Kay Ann Bednarski and her husband, Fred, and Judy Embrey; his grandchildren, Katie Walmsley and her husband, Robert, Freddie Bednarski and his wife, Samantha, Kristina West and her husband, Barry, Elizabeth Massengale and her husband, Jake, and Ty and Doak Embrey; his eight great-grandchildren; and to the other family members and many friends of this fine man; and, be it further

**RESOLVED**, That an official copy of this Resolution be prepared for his family and that when the Texas Senate adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Whitt Franklin Johnson.

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President of the Senate

I hereby certify that the above Resolution was adopted by the Senate on March 8, 2005, by a rising vote.

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Secretary of the Senate

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Member, Texas Senate