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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends of Texas educator Mart F. Hitt,
2 Jr., mourn his passing on February 9, 2007, at the age of 95; and

3 WHEREAS, Born to a farming family in Buckholts, Mr. Hitt was a
4 poor student himself until a teacher inspired him to work his way
5 from the bottom of his class to the top; as a result of his hard work
6 he graduated as valedictorian of Moran High School in 1931; and

7 WHEREAS, Awarded a full scholarship to East Texas State
8 University, Mr. Hitt was forced by economic circumstances to
9 postpone his college education in order to work as a day laborer; by
10 the time he enrolled in college, his scholarship had expired, and he
11 put himself through school by milking cows, selling newspaper ads,
12 and doing other odd jobs, earning a bachelor's degree in 1936 and a
13 master's degree in 1942; and

14 WHEREAS, In 1935, Mr. Hitt met and married Margy McGee, and
15 their union lasted 70 years; he began his educational career the
16 following year at Brownsboro High School, where he pioneered the
17 track and football programs; he then worked as principal and coach
18 at Frisco High School, where he became superintendent in 1940; and

19 WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty during World War
20 II, Mr. Hitt joined the navy and served as a communications officer
21 on Midway Island; after the war he continued to serve in the Navy
22 Reserve until 1950; and

23 WHEREAS, Taking up his teaching career again, he taught at
24 the Buckner Orphans Home; from 1947 to 1964 he served as the

1 superintendent of the Wilmer-Hutchins school district, when he
2 became the superintendent of the Pine Tree district in Longview,
3 retiring in 1977; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Hitt served his community in other ways as well,
5 as president of the North Texas School Master's Club in Dallas and
6 the East Texas School Master's Club in Marshall; he was an honorary
7 life member of the Texas Association of School Administrators, the
8 American School Administrators, and the National Congress of
9 Parents and Teachers; and

10 WHEREAS, Loved and respected by his faculty, Mr. Hitt was
11 esteemed for his dedication and his excellent judgment; he
12 maintained high academic standards in all the schools he
13 supervised, and his influence will continue to have a positive
14 effect on the lives of his students for years to come; now,
15 therefore, be it

16 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
17 Legislature hereby honor the life of Mart F. Hitt, Jr., and offer
18 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his sons,
19 Raymond W. Hitt and G. Preston Hitt; to his sister, Geneva Quigley;
20 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

21 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
22 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
23 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Mart F.
24 Hitt, Jr.