

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Donald Jay Vernon of Houston, who died on March 16, 2007, at the
3 age of 75; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Benjamin and Lona Vernon on March 18, 1931,
5 in Abilene, Mr. Vernon grew up in Brown County, the area that his
6 family helped settle as pioneers; after graduating from Brownwood
7 High School in 1948, he studied at Texas A&M University and earned
8 his undergraduate degree from North Texas State College; and

9 WHEREAS, A veteran of the U.S. Army, Mr. Vernon had a
10 distinguished career in education for nearly 40 years; he served as
11 an English teacher and athletics coach in Nocona and Lewisville,
12 and as a guidance counselor, guidance administrator, and school
13 principal in Midland; he also served as a vocational counselor and
14 as a licensed professional counselor in Houston and as the director
15 of guidance for Texas Education Agency Region IV; he retired in
16 1992; and

17 WHEREAS, Mr. Vernon was a longtime resident of Northwest
18 Houston and a member of St. Stephens United Methodist Church; in
19 addition to his belief in education, he enjoyed a passion for the
20 arts, history, and politics; those who were privileged to share in
21 his love and friendship will forever treasure their memories of his
22 intelligence, integrity, humor, and kindness; now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
24 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Donald Jay Vernon and

1 extend deepest sympathy to his family: to his wife, Loree Marsh
2 Vernon; to his children, Clayton Jay Vernon and his wife, Victoria,
3 John Arthur Vernon and his wife, Maureen, and Jacqueline Lenore
4 Vernon; to his grandchildren, Ruslan, Michael, Tristan, Halle, and
5 Nolan Vernon; to his sisters, Benna Lou Vernon Chastain and Neysa Jo
6 Vernon Morrell and her husband, Larry, and their families; and to
7 his other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
10 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Donald
11 Vernon.

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H.R. No. 1467

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1467 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 27, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House