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H.R. No. 1611

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The passing of Jack Clarke, Jr., on February 4,
2 2007, at the age of 90, deeply saddened the family and friends of
3 this respected West Kerr County rancher; and

4 WHEREAS, Mr. Clarke graduated from San Jacinto High School in
5 Houston and earned a bachelor's degree from Rice University in
6 1937; a gifted athlete, he entered the coaching profession and
7 successfully guided the Conroe High School football and track teams
8 for five years; during the summers of 1940 and 1941, he also served
9 as a counselor at Camp Stewart; and

10 WHEREAS, Soon after the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor, Mr.
11 Clarke joined the U.S. Navy; he completed his military obligation
12 in 1944 with the rank of lieutenant commander; and

13 WHEREAS, Mr. Clarke founded the Clarke Bottling and
14 Distributing Company in Conroe in 1945 and retained ownership of
15 the business until 1980, when he sold it to the Pepsi-Cola Company;
16 he and his wife, Virginia Ruth Clarke, moved to Clarke Ranch in
17 western Kerr County in 1972; and

18 WHEREAS, Involved in many civic and community organizations,
19 Mr. Clarke was a member and former president of the Conroe Rotary
20 Club, a member and past president of the Montgomery County Chamber
21 of Commerce, a life member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo,
22 a past president of the Houston Hereford Club, and a 23-year member
23 of the board of directors for the Kerr County Soil and Water
24 Conservation District, a post from which he retired in December

1 2006; in addition, this esteemed Texan was an active parishioner of
2 the First United Methodist Church of Conroe, where he served on the
3 board of stewards and on the church finance and building
4 committees, and a valued congregant of First United Methodist
5 Church of Kerrville; and

6 WHEREAS, Held in the highest regard by many fellow citizens,
7 Jack Clarke, Jr., could take pride in a long record of constructive
8 endeavor, and he is remembered with great affection by all who knew
9 and treasured him; now, therefore, be it

10 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
11 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jack Clarke, Jr., and
12 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife of
13 67 years, Virginia Clarke; to his son, Jack Clarke III and his wife,
14 Carolyn; to his granddaughters, Nicole Bilbao and her husband,
15 Raymond, and Carey Bond and her husband, Coburn; to his
16 great-grandchildren, Jack Raymond, Cole Daniel, and Carolyn
17 Nicole; to his nephew, Dr. Joseph Simpson; and to his other
18 relatives and friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jack
22 Clarke, Jr.