

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The residents of the Lone Star State lost a
2 decorated Vietnam veteran with the passing of Jerry Mareland
3 Johnson of Zavalla on March 26, 2007, at the age of 58; and

4 WHEREAS, Born to Henry and Dorothy Johnson on April 11, 1948,
5 in Beaumont, Mr. Johnson graduated from Robert E. Lee High School
6 in 1966; he attended Sam Houston State University until his
7 enlistment in the U.S. Army in 1967; called to action in Vietnam, he
8 served as a surgical assistant in 1968 and 1969 and received the
9 Purple Heart for being wounded in action; and

10 WHEREAS, In 1974, Jerry Johnson enlisted in the U.S. Navy and
11 served on the USS *El Paso*; during his tenure as a sailor, he got the
12 opportunity to demonstrate his athletic abilities as a pitcher for
13 the Tidewater Tides baseball team; in 1980, Jerry Johnson left the
14 navy and began working as a designated representative for the
15 Angelina and Neches River Authority; in 1999, he became the general
16 manager of the Brookeland Fresh Water Supply District in Jasper
17 County; and

18 WHEREAS, In addition to his work responsibilities,
19 Mr. Johnson gave freely of his time and talents to assist his fellow
20 citizens; after the 9-11 terrorist attacks, he volunteered for 14
21 days with a search and rescue team; he was also an active member of
22 the Lufkin-Nacogdoches Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America
23 and of Rockland Baptist Church; and

24 WHEREAS, An admirable American who bravely served his country

1 in two different branches of the military, Jerry Johnson was held in
2 the highest regard by all who knew him, and he will be deeply
3 missed; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jerry Mareland
6 Johnson and offer sincere condolences to the members of his family:
7 to his wife, Johnnie Johnson; to his daughter, Krystal Hampton and
8 her husband, Ian; to his granddaughters, Skye and Autumn Hampton;
9 to his brothers, Kyle and Hank Johnson; to his brother-in-law, Doug
10 Weaver; to his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Dwight and
11 Kathleen Walker; to his sisters-in-law, Brenda Helton and Debbie
12 Brookshire and her fiance, Ken Stephens; to his nine nieces and
13 nephews; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it
14 further

15 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
16 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
17 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jerry
18 Johnson.

McReynolds

H.R. No. 1612

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1612 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 11, 2007.

Chief Clerk of the House