

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the  
2 passing of Richard West Hopper of Austin on January 2, 2007, yet the  
3 memory of his full and rewarding life remains to comfort them in  
4 their time of loss; and

5           WHEREAS, Born in Manitou, Oklahoma, on March 21, 1926, Mr.  
6 Hopper joined the U.S. Navy in 1944; he served on the USS *Wichita* in  
7 the Pacific Theater during World War II, and his ship was one of the  
8 first to enter the Japanese Port of Nagasaki at the end of the  
9 conflict; at the start of the Korean War, he joined the U.S. Army  
10 and was selected as a member of the Counter Intelligence Corps,  
11 which later became the U.S. Army Intelligence Corps; he retired  
12 from the armed forces after 24 years of dedicated service to his  
13 country; and

14           WHEREAS, Returning to civilian life, Mr. Hopper worked as the  
15 manager of the San Benito Chamber of Commerce, and he later moved to  
16 Austin to work in real estate and as an employee of the Internal  
17 Revenue Service; in his leisure time, he enjoyed researching his  
18 family's genealogy; and

19           WHEREAS, In all his endeavors, Mr. Hopper benefited from the  
20 love and support of his wife of 62 years, Patsy, and their four  
21 children; and

22           WHEREAS, A career serviceman, a caring husband and father,  
23 and a respected businessman, Richard Hopper excelled in each of  
24 these roles, and his long and fruitful life serves as an inspiration

1 to those who were fortunate enough to share in his love and  
2 friendship; now, therefore, be it

3         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas  
4 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Richard West Hopper  
5 and offer condolences to the members of his family: to his wife,  
6 Patsy Hopper; to his children, Terry Shockley and Richard, Ronald,  
7 and Mark Hopper; to his nine grandchildren and seven  
8 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,  
9 be it further

10         RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Richard  
13 Hopper.

Bolton

H.R. No. 2026

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2026 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 18, 2007.

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Chief Clerk of the House