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H.C.R. No. 207

CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

1 WHEREAS, The family and friends of Jack Ray Stevenson of
2 Bogata were saddened by the passing of this esteemed gentleman on
3 April 13, 2009, at the age of 100; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 3, 1908, to Evie and Thomas Jackson
5 Stevenson, in Red River Parish, in Louisiana, Jack Stevenson joined
6 the workforce at the age of 17, serving as a blacksmith with
7 Magnolia Oil Company; he was later transferred to Duncanville,
8 where he became a welder and pipefitter for Mobil Oil, retiring
9 after 41 years; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Stevenson went on to enjoy 41 years in
11 retirement; he was active in Cockrell Hill United Methodist Church
12 for nearly six decades before moving to Bogata, where he joined the
13 local First United Methodist Church and also attended Bogata
14 Missionary Baptist Church; and

15 WHEREAS, Mr. Stevenson was preceded in death by his first
16 wife, Bonnie Mae Haws Stevenson, with whom he shared 56 years;
17 fortunate to find love a second time, he married Frances Edna Jones
18 and they enjoyed 12 fulfilling years together; and

19 WHEREAS, Jack Stevenson touched the lives of many people
20 during his 100 years, and those who shared in the warmth of his love
21 and friendship will forever hold his memory close in their hearts;
22 now, therefore, be it

23 RESOLVED, That the 81st Legislature of the State of Texas
24 hereby pay tribute to the life of Jack Ray Stevenson and extend

1 sincere sympathy to his family members: to his daughters, Melba
2 Knight and Rene Haney and her husband, Bill; to his sons, Don
3 Stevenson and his wife, Gina, and Rob Stevenson and his wife, Carol;
4 to his stepdaughters, Barbara Miller and Karen Cude and her
5 husband, Martin; to his brother, Rex Stevenson, and his wife,
6 Lillian; to his half-brothers, James and Henry Collinsworth; to his
7 daughter-in-law, Shirley Stevenson; to his many grandchildren,
8 great-grandchildren, and great-great-grandchildren; and to his
9 other relatives and friends; and, 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 and Senate adjourn this day, they do so in memory of
13 Jack Ray Stevenson.