

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and generous life drew to a close with the
2 passing of Lester Booth Whitton of Kerrville on March 10, 2008, at
3 the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of William Alford Whitton and Jewell Myrtle
5 West, Mr. Whitton was born in Nacogdoches County on February 22,
6 1922; during World War II, he served in the Cavalry Reconnaissance
7 Troop of the Third Army and was wounded in battle in Germany in
8 1945; his valor was recognized with a Purple Heart and two Bronze
9 Stars; and

10 WHEREAS, After his discharge, Mr. Whitton earned his
11 bachelor's degree in civil engineering from The University of Texas
12 at Austin, where he met and married Rachel Louise Stiefel; the
13 couple moved to Kerrville, and Mr. Whitton worked in construction
14 for his wife's father, Earl Stiefel, before starting his own
15 planning and engineering business; Mr. Whitton also supervised
16 construction for the San Antonio firm Noonan & Krockner; he became a
17 registered professional engineer in 1957 and designed banks, office
18 buildings, and residences across the Hill Country; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Whitton was a prominent figure in the local
20 community, serving on the Kerrville Board of Adjustments and
21 Appeals for 27 years and on the board of trustees of the Kerrville
22 Public Utility Board; he was also a member of the Kiwanis Club and
23 took an active role at the First Presbyterian Church, where he was a
24 deacon, an elder, and an officer of the building committee; and

1 WHEREAS, A loving husband and devoted father, Mr. Whitton was
2 proud to share in the raising of his three children, Alan, Brian,
3 and Pam; he relished family gatherings, where he would greet his
4 grandsons with a new joke, listen to their stories, and regale them
5 with tales of hopping freight trains to Galveston and other
6 adventures from his youth; he also enjoyed hunting with family and
7 friends, viewing the beauty of nature, and watching his favorite
8 football teams, the UT Longhorns and the Dallas Cowboys; and

9 WHEREAS, Although Lester Whitton is deeply missed, he made an
10 indelible mark on the Kerrville area through his design work and
11 dedicated civic service, and his family and friends will long
12 remember his warmth and generosity and the many wonderful times
13 spent in his company; now, therefore, be it

14 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Lester Booth Whitton
16 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his
17 wife of 62 years, Rachel Whitton; to his sons, Alan Whitton and his
18 wife, Marsha, and Brian Whitton; to his daughter, Pam Whitton, and
19 her husband, Jim Haymes; to his grandsons, Justin, Ryan, and Kevin
20 Whitton and Austin and Sean Haymes; to his sister, Anne W. Hill; to
21 his niece, Becky Hunt; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
22 be it further

23 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Lester
26 Booth Whitton.

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Straus	Gattis	Menendez
Allen	Geren	Merritt
Alonzo	Giddings	Miklos
Alvarado	Gonzales	Miller of Comal
Anchia	Gonzalez Toureilles	Miller of Erath
Anderson	Guillen	Moody
Aycock	Gutierrez	Morrison
Berman	Hamilton	Naishtat
Bohac	Hancock	Oliveira
Bolton	Hardcastle	Olivo
Bonnen	Harless	Orr
Branch	Harper-Brown	Ortiz, Jr.
Brown of Kaufman	Hartnett	Otto
Brown of Brazos	Heflin	Parker
Burnam	Hernandez	Patrick
Button	Herrero	Paxton
Callegari	Hilderbran	Peña
Castro	Hochberg	Phillips
Chavez	Hodge	Pickett
Chisum	Homer	Pierson
Christian	Hopson	Pitts
Cohen	Howard of Fort Bend	Quintanilla
Coleman	Howard of Travis	Raymond
Cook	Hughes	Riddle
Corte	Hunter	Rios Ybarra
Crabb	Isett	Ritter
Craddick	Jackson	Rodriguez
Creighton	Jones	Rose
Crownover	Keffer	Sheffield
Darby	Kent	Shelton
Davis of Harris	King of Parker	Smith of Tarrant
Davis of Dallas	King of Taylor	Smith of Harris
Deshotel	King of Zavala	Smithee
Driver	Kleinschmidt	Solomons
Dukes	Kolkhorst	Strama
Dunnam	Kuempel	Swinford
Dutton	Laubenberg	Taylor
Edwards	Legler	Thibaut
Eiland	Leibowitz	Thompson
Eissler	Lewis	Truitt
Elkins	Lucio III	Turner of Tarrant
England	Madden	Turner of Harris
Farabee	Maldonado	Vaught
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Marquez	Villarreal
Fletcher	Martinez	Vo
Flores	Martinez Fischer	Walle
Flynn	McCall	Weber
Frost	McClendon	Woolley
Gallego	McReynolds	Zerwas

H.R. No. 30

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 30 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on February 26, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House