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H.R. No. 30

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.