

By: Hilderbran

H.R. No. 34

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Joe H. Foy of Kerrville, a respected attorney and
2 businessman and an admired community leader, passed away on
3 September 17, 2007, at the age of 81; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on August 16, 1926, in Henderson, Tennessee,
5 Joe Foy graduated from Freed Hardeman College before serving his
6 country in the U.S. Navy; he continued his education at the Georgia
7 Institute of Technology and Vanderbilt University, where he earned
8 a bachelor's degree in 1948 and a juris doctorate in 1950; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Foy subsequently began his legal career in Texas
10 as the city attorney for San Angelo and as a partner in the firm of
11 Hardeman, Smith & Foy; he joined the Houston Natural Gas
12 Corporation as general counsel in the mid-1960s and went on to serve
13 as its president for 15 years; following the company's merger with
14 InterNorth to create Enron in 1985, he served on its board of
15 directors until 2000; he retired as a senior partner in the
16 international law firm of Bracewell & Patterson; and

17 WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, state, and nation, this
18 esteemed Texan undertook a diplomatic mission during the
19 administration of President Jimmy Carter and contributed his
20 leadership to myriad local organizations; through the years, he was
21 a board member of Schreiner University, the Community Foundation of
22 the Texas Hill Country, the Kerrville Performing Arts Society,
23 Symphony of the Hills, and the Museum of Western Art; in addition,
24 he was a valued congregant of Kerrville Church of Christ; and

1 WHEREAS, Mr. Foy was supported in his endeavors by his wife,
2 the former Martha Overall, with whom he shared nearly six decades of
3 marriage and raised two children, Joe H. Foy, Jr., and Melissa Foy
4 Dreier; and

5 WHEREAS, Although residents of Kerrville and the Lone Star
6 State are saddened by the loss of Joe Foy, they will long treasure
7 their memories of him as a man of great vision, generosity, and
8 ability; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Joe H. Foy and extend
11 sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife, Martha
12 Overall Foy; to his children, Joe H. Foy, Jr., and Melissa Foy
13 Dreier and her husband, Greg; to his grandchildren, Timothy Andrew
14 Dreier and Carrie Elizabeth Dreier; and to his other relatives and
15 friends; and, be it further

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