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H.R. No. 690

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Williamson County lost a respected
2 court judge and a beloved member of the community with the passing
3 of the Honorable William Sunday Lott on February 11, 2009, at the
4 age of 90; and

5 WHEREAS, Born on April 28, 1918, to Hervey and Fannie Lott,
6 William Lott grew up in Amarillo and earned his law degree from The
7 University of Texas School of Law in 1940; answering his nation's
8 call to duty during World War II, he served with the U.S. Army
9 Security Intelligence Corps and was selected to travel to San
10 Francisco for the conference where the United Nations was
11 organized; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Lott married the former Ellagene Eanes in 1944,
13 and the couple were blessed with two children, Cathy and Bill, and
14 two grandchildren, Ryan and Neal; Mr. Lott served as assistant
15 attorney general for the State of Texas from 1947 to 1952 and
16 afterward opened a private law practice in Georgetown; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1976, he was elected judge of the 26th District
18 Court of Williamson County; during his 16 years of dedicated
19 service on the bench, he played a pivotal role in establishing the
20 county's "tough on crime" reputation; an expert on evidence and
21 procedure, he was passionate about the law and maintained a strict,
22 no-nonsense atmosphere in his courtroom; he was instrumental in the
23 creation of the Central Texas Treatment Center for drug and alcohol
24 rehabilitation and instituted salient reforms to the county's

1 juvenile probation system; the county paid tribute to his life and
2 work in 1986 by naming the William S. Lott Juvenile Center in his
3 honor; following his retirement from the court in 1992, Judge Lott
4 continued to share his knowledge and expertise with members of the
5 court, keeping himself available to fill in as a visiting judge; and

6 WHEREAS, Judge Lott received numerous accolades in his
7 distinguished career, including the Man of the Year honor from the
8 Georgetown Chamber of Commerce in 1979 and a Lifetime Achievement
9 Award from the Georgetown Area Community Foundation, and he was
10 elected president of the Williamson County Bar Association; and

11 WHEREAS, Active in his community, Judge Lott was a director
12 of First National Bank in Georgetown, a Mason for more than 60
13 years, and a member of the Georgetown Rotary and Lions Clubs;
14 moreover, he was a congregant at First United Methodist Church of
15 Georgetown, where he served as a trustee; he also served on the
16 regional boards of the Wesleyan Home, the United Way, the American
17 Cancer Society, the Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts of America, and the
18 Georgetown Citizens' Advisory Committee; and

19 WHEREAS, A quintessential Southern gentleman with a wicked
20 sense of humor, William Lott served the residents of Williamson
21 County with integrity, compassion, and an unwavering devotion to
22 the well-being of his community and its citizens, and all those
23 fortunate enough to have known him will forever cherish their
24 memories of this esteemed Texan; now, therefore, be it

25 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
26 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable William
27 Sunday Lott and express sincere sympathy to the members of his

1 family: to his children, Cathy Lott Durr and Bill Hervey Lott and
2 his wife, Gisela; to his grandchildren, Ryan Travis Lott and Neal
3 Brandon Lott; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
4 further

5 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
6 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge Lott.