

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Dr. Jack  
2 Homer Hittson, Jr., of Rockwall, who passed away on February 10,  
3 2009, at the age of 83; and

4           WHEREAS, A fifth-generation Texan, Jack Hittson was born on  
5 June 19, 1925, in Palo Pinto, into one of the area's pioneer  
6 ranching families; he graduated from Strawn High School and went on  
7 to attend The University of Texas at Arlington when he was only 16;  
8 and

9           WHEREAS, Answering his nation's call to duty during World War  
10 II, he left college to enlist in the U.S. Navy, and he became a navy  
11 pilot; after the war, he resumed his studies and graduated from  
12 Baylor College of Dentistry at the age of 23; and

13           WHEREAS, Dr. Hittson's early career as a dentist was  
14 adventurous; he practiced first in Panama, where he met and married  
15 an elementary school teacher, the former Elizabeth Weltzin; in  
16 1950, the young couple moved to Alaska, where Dr. Hittson practiced  
17 aboard the public health ship *MV Health*; and

18           WHEREAS, In 1955, Dr. Hittson returned to Texas and  
19 subsequently earned a graduate degree in orthodontics at the  
20 University of Tennessee at Memphis; he moved to Garland and had no  
21 sooner set up his practice when he was recommissioned for medical  
22 military service by the army during the Korean War; he was stationed  
23 in Orleans, France, where he was joined by his family; and

24           WHEREAS, After his discharge in 1957, Dr. Hittson returned to

1 Garland, where he established one of the first orthodontic  
2 practices in North Texas; for nearly 30 years, he devoted himself to  
3 creating beautiful smiles for several generations of young people  
4 in Garland and Rockwall before he retired at the age of 60; and

5 WHEREAS, Dr. Hittson was active in his profession as a member  
6 of the Garland Dental Study Club and the Texas Dental Association;  
7 he was also a vital participant in community affairs, working with  
8 the YMCA, the Boy Scouts, the Masons, and the Democratic Party; and

9 WHEREAS, Throughout his life, Dr. Hittson expressed his  
10 curiosity about the world through a wide variety of interests; a  
11 cattle rancher, a beekeeper, and a woodworker, he also rebuilt  
12 Model A Fords and collected arrowheads, and he enjoyed studying  
13 American history, telling stories, and writing short fiction; and

14 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, community, and profession,  
15 Jack Hittson led a rich and purposeful life, and he will always be  
16 remembered with great admiration and affection by all those who  
17 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Dr. Jack Homer  
20 Hittson, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
21 family: to his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth Edith Weltzin Hittson; to  
22 his daughters, State Representative Carol Hittson Kent and her  
23 husband, David C. Kent, and Suzanne Laura Hittson and her husband,  
24 Kevin L. Smith; to his sons, Jeffery Roy Hittson and his wife, Mary  
25 Pacheco, and William Jack Hittson and his wife, Kathy L. Ellis; to  
26 his grandchildren, John Kent and his wife, Kelly, Meredith Kent,  
27 Robert Kent, Amanda Hittson, Terra Hittson, Anne Hittson, Finn

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1 Hittson, Lauren Hittson-Smith, Rachal Hittson-Smith, Jack  
2 Hittson-Smith, and Hannah Hittson; to his sister, Mildred Harriet  
3 Million, and her grandson, Tom Million, and his wife, Melissa; and  
4 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

5       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
6 prepared for Dr. Hittson's family and that when the Texas House of  
7 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Dr. Jack  
8 Homer Hittson, Jr.

Laubenberg  
Hodge  
Patrick  
Madden

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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 711 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 16, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House