

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Texas House of Representatives lost a
2 long-serving and highly respected member when the Honorable George
3 E. "Buddy" West of Odessa passed away on June 25, 2008, at the age of
4 71; and

5 WHEREAS, Buddy West was first elected as the District 81
6 state representative in 1992 and spent 16 years in the house; he was
7 a highly effective advocate for his constituents in Ector, Andrews,
8 and Winkler Counties, and his wise leadership had an enduring and
9 positive influence on his fellow house members; and

10 WHEREAS, Born on October 9, 1936, in Ballinger, Mr. West
11 moved to Odessa at the age of seven and graduated from Odessa High
12 School; he enjoyed a 30-year career with Amoco, where he worked as a
13 safety engineer, product technologist, and plant and field
14 technician before his retirement; he also devoted himself to
15 furthering his education through the years, studying at Odessa
16 College, Howard Payne University, and Hardin-Simmons University,
17 and he graduated with a degree in business management from The
18 University of Texas of the Permian Basin in 1975; and

19 WHEREAS, The eight terms that Representative West served in
20 the house allowed him to provide vital input on a vast range of
21 issues; he was particularly active in the areas of energy policy and
22 education, chairing the House Committee on Energy Resources,
23 contributing to committees on public education and higher
24 education, and supporting the growth of his alma mater, UT Permian

1 Basin; this able legislator also served as vice chair of the
2 Appropriations Committee and was a prominent member of many other
3 committees and task forces, including the Law Enforcement and
4 Environmental Regulation Committees and the Child Pornography Task
5 Force; and

6 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Representative West enjoyed
7 the love and support of his wife, Shirley, and their three children,
8 and he relished the time he spent with his seven grandchildren and
9 great-grandchild; moreover, he took an active role in the community
10 life of the Odessa area, serving as a Boy Scout leader and a Little
11 League baseball coach and attending Crescent Park Baptist Church
12 and First Baptist Church; and

13 WHEREAS, Buddy West observed many changes in the world and at
14 the State Capitol during his lengthy tenure as a member of this
15 chamber, but his dedication to honorably serving his fellow
16 citizens was unwavering, and the example he set for responsible
17 public service will continue to inspire his former colleagues for
18 years to come; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable George
21 E. West and extend deepest condolences to the members of his family:
22 to his wife, Shirley West; to his children, Richie West, Lori
23 Bennington and her husband, Wade, and Ami Satterwhite and her
24 husband, Scott; to his grandchildren, Kelsee and Shelby West,
25 Baylee Bennington, and Scotty, Lexi, Landon, and Laci Satterwhite;
26 to his great-grandchild, Rylee West; to his brother, Joe Carter
27 West, and his wife, Carolyn; to his sister, Yvonne Miller, and her

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1 husband, Herb; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be
2 it further

3 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
4 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
5 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Buddy West.

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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

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 877 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 19, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House