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H.R. No. 882

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A lifetime of meaningful judicial, legal, and
2 community service drew to a close with the passing of the Honorable
3 William S. Lott of Georgetown on February 11, 2009, at the age of
4 90; and

5 WHEREAS, Judge Lott presided over the 26th Judicial District
6 from 1977 until his retirement in 1992; his dedication to closely
7 interpreting the state's laws was widely known, and his integrity
8 and detail-oriented approach to legal issues inspired numerous
9 other lawyers and judges through the years; and

10 WHEREAS, William Sunday Lott was born on April 28, 1918, in
11 Clarendon and spent his youth in Amarillo; after studying at
12 Centenary College in Louisiana and earning his law degree from The
13 University of Texas School of Law in 1940, he served in the Security
14 Intelligence Corps of the U.S. Army during World War II; his duties
15 while in uniform included serving as a special agent to the 1945
16 peace conference that resulted in the organization of the United
17 Nations; and

18 WHEREAS, In 1944, Mr. Lott wed Ellagene Eanes, and they
19 settled in Georgetown following the war; the couple raised two
20 children, Cathy and Bill, and their marriage continued for 51
21 years, until Mrs. Lott's passing in 1995; and

22 WHEREAS, Judge Lott was a skilled lawyer who served as
23 assistant attorney general for the State of Texas from 1947 to 1952
24 and worked as the assistant county attorney for Williamson County;

1 he also maintained a private law practice in Georgetown prior to his
2 election to the bench in 1976; and

3 WHEREAS, This innovative judge played a central role in
4 efforts to build the Central Texas Treatment Center, which provides
5 alcohol and drug rehabilitation services, and he also oversaw
6 important changes to the juvenile probation system and urged the
7 construction of a juvenile detention center; once completed, that
8 center was named in Judge Lott's honor, and he also received a
9 number of other honors and tributes through the years, being named
10 Man of the Year by the Georgetown Chamber of Commerce in 1979, a
11 fellow of the Texas State Bar Association in 1984, and receiving the
12 Lifetime Achievement Award from the Georgetown Area Community
13 Foundation; and

14 WHEREAS, Judge Lott's commitment to his community extended
15 beyond the courtroom; he was an active participant in a long list of
16 organizations, committees, and charity efforts, which included the
17 Masonic Lodge, the Georgetown Rotary and Lions Clubs, the United
18 Way, the Georgetown Citizens' Advisory Committee, and many more;
19 remembered as a courtly gentleman who proudly upheld dignified
20 traditions both inside and outside the courtroom, William Lott had
21 a lasting and profound effect on the citizens of Williamson County,
22 and his legacy will be respected far into the future; now,
23 therefore, be it

24 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
25 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable William
26 S. Lott and express sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
27 to his children, Cathy Lott Durr and Bill Hervey Lott and his wife,

1 Gisela; to his grandchildren, Ryan Travis Lott and Neal Brandon
2 Lott; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be 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 Judge
6 William S. Lott.