

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of  
2 M. E. Johnson of Round Rock, who died on January 3, 2009, at the age  
3 of 86; and

4           WHEREAS, "Gene" Johnson was born in Johnson County, Arkansas,  
5 on January 3, 1923, to Joe and Clara Johnson; answering his nation's  
6 call to duty during World War II, he served in the Pacific theater  
7 as an aviation chief machinist's mate in the U.S. Navy, on board the  
8 aircraft carriers USS *Wasp* and USS *Intrepid*; and

9           WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson opened the M. E. "Gene" Johnson service  
10 station on Airport Boulevard in Austin in 1946; though sold in later  
11 years, this longtime Austin business continues in operation today  
12 under the same name and at the same location; he subsequently also  
13 opened Airport Auto Supply, and for 20 years he had a U-Haul outlet,  
14 during which time he ranked as the top U-Haul dealer in Austin and  
15 San Antonio; Mr. Johnson was active in the garage association and  
16 the wholesale parts association, and he was a member of the Texas  
17 Independent Automotive Association; and

18           WHEREAS, In the late 1970s, this enterprising Texan became a  
19 licensed Realtor; his daughters later followed him into that  
20 profession and joined the newest family business, M. E. "Gene"  
21 Johnson Realtors; and

22           WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson was an endowed member of the Scottish  
23 Rite, a member of the York Rite, and a member of the Ben Hur Shrine;  
24 in addition, he was an endowed member and life member of Hill City

1 Lodge No. 456, with which he was affiliated for 49 years and of  
2 which he was past master, and he was an endowed member of Round Rock  
3 Lodge No. 227; both lodges conferred on him the Golden Trowel Award;  
4 and

5 WHEREAS, Justly proud of his military service, Gene Johnson  
6 played an active role in his community as a lifetime member of the  
7 American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars; his businesses  
8 also sponsored Little League teams in Austin for more than half a  
9 century; and

10 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson and his wife, Barbara June, were the  
11 loving parents of two daughters, Ady and Pam, and they shared a  
12 rewarding and devoted union for more than 57 years, until her  
13 passing; and

14 WHEREAS, Held in great esteem by countless patrons for the  
15 friendly, honest, and reliable manner in which he conducted his  
16 businesses, Gene Johnson continually made good on his slogans  
17 "Service with a smile" and "A name you can trust," and he will be  
18 forever remembered with deep affection by all who shared in the  
19 richness of his life; now, therefore, be it

20 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
21 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of M. E. "Gene" Johnson  
22 and extend sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his  
23 daughters, Adrienne Purgason and her husband, Raymon, and Pamela  
24 Cirkiel and her husband, Martin; to his brother, Gaylon Johnson,  
25 and his wife, Jo; to his sister, Edna Hickey; to his grandsons, Lee  
26 Kinser and his wife, Kathy, Mike Kinser and his wife, Candace, and  
27 Shawn Cirkiel and his wife, Bria; to his granddaughter, Sarah

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1 Cirkiel; to his great-grandchildren, Loren, Amber, Morgan,  
2 Madison, Micah, and Makenna Kinser and Noah and Dylan Cirkiel; and  
3 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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

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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. 933 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 23, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House