

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A full and rewarding life came to an end with the
2 passing of John William Johnson on February 16, 2009, at the age of
3 84; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Sheridan, Wyoming, on October 6, 1924, to
5 Jay and Marguerite Rose Johnson, John Johnson grew up in a log cabin
6 with five siblings and no running water; following his graduation
7 from Sheridan High School, he answered his nation's call to arms and
8 served in the 273rd Infantry Division of the U.S. Army during World
9 War II; he went on to earn a bachelor's degree from the University
10 of Wyoming and a master's degree in civil engineering from the
11 University of Illinois; and

12 WHEREAS, Mr. Johnson married the former Dottie Larsen, with
13 whom he had three children, D'Ann, Douglas, and Janis, and the
14 couple shared a rewarding life together until Mrs. Johnson's death
15 in 1976; he was a career employee of Shell Chemical Company, and he
16 relocated with his family several times before making Houston his
17 permanent home; fortunate to find love a second time after becoming
18 a widower, he married Sylvia Byler, who also predeceased him; she
19 brought to their family her loved ones as well, and Mr. Johnson took
20 great pleasure in spending time with their family and also enjoyed
21 returning to his roots to go trout fishing in Wyoming; and

22 WHEREAS, Loyal, honest, and hardworking, John Johnson will
23 always be remembered with great affection and admiration, and he
24 leaves behind a legacy to treasure for those that held him dear;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John William
4 Johnson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family:
5 to his children, D'Ann Johnson and her husband, Alan Pogue, and
6 Douglas Johnson; to his stepchildren, Suzanne Meehan and Charles
7 Byler; to his brothers, Charley and George Johnson; to his
8 grandchildren, Angie Karr, Dustin Johnson, Sean McMurrey, and Kate
9 Kelly; to his stepgrandchildren, Ray and Charlie McMurrey, Robert
10 and Michelle Bearnth, and Julie and Kelly Byler; to his thirteen
11 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends; and,
12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
14 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
15 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John
16 Johnson.

Rodriguez

H.R. No. 1204

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1204 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 16, 2009.

Chief Clerk of the House