

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Citizens of Silsbee lost a respected civic and  
2 business leader with the passing of Harold Newton Hopkins on  
3 February 17, 2009, at the age of 92; and

4           WHEREAS, Born in Bessmay on March 26, 1916, to Ethel Newton  
5 and Harold Cobb Hopkins, "Newt" Hopkins attained the rank of Eagle  
6 Scout at the age of 14 and graduated from Kirbyville High School in  
7 1933; he studied at Lamar Junior College and the United States  
8 Military Academy at West Point before enrolling at The University  
9 of Texas and earning a bachelor's degree in business  
10 administration; and

11           WHEREAS, Mr. Hopkins worked for several years at Humble Oil  
12 and Refining Company before answering his nation's call to duty  
13 with service in the U.S. Army during World War II; he served as  
14 personnel officer, adjutant, and camp commander at Camp Mexia in  
15 East Texas; and

16           WHEREAS, Following his military service, Mr. Hopkins  
17 returned to Silsbee and found employment in the family ice  
18 business; he eventually took over operations of the Silsbee Ice  
19 Company, and he was a member of the board of the National Ice  
20 Association and served as president of the Southwestern Ice  
21 Association; and

22           WHEREAS, This esteemed community leader served his fellow  
23 citizens in numerous capacities through the years; he was president  
24 of the Silsbee Chamber of Commerce and the Silsbee Kiwanis Club, and

1 he was a founder and president of the Silsbee Country Club; in  
2 addition, he was a member of the local school board and the board of  
3 directors of Hardin County Memorial Hospital, and he was named  
4 Citizen of the Year by the Silsbee Chamber of Commerce in 2003; and

5         WHEREAS, A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Mr.  
6 Hopkins married the former Joyce Kirgan and the couple enjoyed 63  
7 rewarding years together; they raised a loving family that grew to  
8 include 4 children, Joy, Jane, Newton, and Lynn, as well as 10  
9 grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren; Mr. and Mrs. Hopkins were  
10 longtime members of the First Baptist Church of Silsbee; and

11         WHEREAS, Newt Hopkins was a passionate supporter of The  
12 University of Texas and he took great delight in playing golf,  
13 discussing politics, and spending time with his family; in all of  
14 his endeavors, he exhibited a vibrant sense of humor and an  
15 endearing zest for life, and he will be remembered fondly by all  
16 those fortunate enough to share in his company; now, therefore, be  
17 it

18         RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas  
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Harold Newton  
20 Hopkins and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to  
21 his wife, Joyce Kirgan Hopkins; to his children, Joy Crenshaw and  
22 her husband, Will, Jane Lakey and her husband, Robert, Newton  
23 Hopkins, Jr., and Lynn McKim and her husband, James; to his  
24 grandchildren, Heather Petkovsek, Will, Casey, and Colby Crenshaw,  
25 Eugenia Brotherton, Newton Hopkins III, Kirgan Hopkins, and  
26 Caroline, Jim, and Elizabeth McKim; to his sisters, Winnie Caro and  
27 her husband, Fred, and Frances Allen and her husband, Andrew; to his

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1 12 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and friends;  
2 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 Newt  
6 Hopkins.

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1380 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on April 27, 2009.

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Chief Clerk of the House