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H.R. No. 1679

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Waco lost a beloved neighbor and
2 esteemed civic leader with the passing of John D. Cabaniss on March
3 6, 2009, at the age of 89; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Bell County, John Cabaniss was born on
5 October 3, 1919, to William Lycentus and Allie Herrington Cabaniss;
6 he graduated from Moody High School in 1938 and served with the U.S.
7 Army before attending The University of Texas and Baylor
8 University; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Cabaniss earned his law degree from Baylor, and
10 his hard work and dedication as an attorney earned him the lasting
11 respect of his peers; in 1959, he was appointed justice of the peace
12 for Precinct 1, Place 1 in McLennan County, and over the course of
13 his notable 42-year tenure, he performed nearly 5,000 marriage
14 ceremonies and enjoyed close friendships with his courthouse
15 coworkers; and

16 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, Mr. Cabaniss shared 47 years
17 with his wife, Dorothy, and he lovingly helped to raise her sons,
18 Charlie and Mark; he was an advocate of education, and his
19 encouragement led his stepsons to pursue an M.D. and J.D.,
20 respectively; and

21 WHEREAS, Known for his storytelling ability and his
22 generosity of spirit, John Cabaniss made a positive difference in
23 many lives, and his loved ones will forever cherish their memories
24 of him; now, therefore, be it

1 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 81st Texas
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of John D. Cabaniss and
3 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
4 Dorothy Cabaniss; to his stepsons, Dr. Charles Jaynes, Jr., and his
5 wife, Debbie, and Mark Jaynes and his wife, Marla; to his
6 grandchildren, Jason, Ryan, Lauren, Garrett, and Katelyn Jaynes,
7 Haley Thorpe, Britney Cross, and Brady Castille; to his eight
8 great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many friends;
9 and, be it further

10 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
11 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
12 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John D.
13 Cabaniss.