

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends were deeply saddened by the
2 passing of the Reverend John Brannon Haskins, Sr., of Houston, on
3 February 20, 2011, at the age of 85; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Benton, Tennessee, on February 5, 1926, to
5 David Calvin and Etta Pearl Vest Haskins, J. B. Haskins was the
6 eighth of 13 children; he enlisted in the United States Navy after
7 high school and attended the navy's radio school; during World War
8 II, he saw action at Leyte Gulf and was a crew member on a ship that
9 escorted General Douglas MacArthur's vessel during his return to
10 the Philippines; and

11 WHEREAS, Following his honorable discharge in 1945, Mr.
12 Haskins studied at Tennessee Tech University, graduating in 1949;
13 he then hitchhiked to Fort Worth and enrolled at Southwestern
14 Baptist Theological Seminary, working his way through school and
15 earning a bachelor's degree in divinity and a master's degree in
16 religious education; his long and accomplished career as a pastor
17 included service to congregations in Dallas, Houston, and Pasadena
18 as well as Roanoke, Virginia, and Jacksonville, Florida; and

19 WHEREAS, Reverend Haskins also was employed for many years by
20 Olan Mills Photography in its church directory department, and he
21 later worked for a service that delivered lost luggage in the
22 Houston area; his hobbies included golf and snow skiing, and he was
23 known for his love of a good joke; and

24 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Reverend Haskins was

1 supported by his loving wife, Laura Ann Haskins, and the couple
2 shared nearly 60 years together; they became the parents of three
3 sons, John Brannon Haskins, Jr., Stephen Murray Haskins, and
4 Richard Gregory Haskins, and their family later grew to include
5 four grandchildren and a great-grandson; and

6 WHEREAS, J. B. Haskins lived a rich and purposeful life
7 devoted to his faith and his family; though he will be greatly
8 missed, he will long be fondly remembered for the spiritual
9 guidance and care he provided to others through the years; now,
10 therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
12 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the life of
13 the Reverend John Brannon Haskins, Sr., and extend sincere sympathy
14 to the members of his family: to his wife, Laura Ann Haskins; to his
15 sons, John B. Haskins, Jr., and his wife, Betty Marie, and Stephen
16 Murray Haskins and his wife, Rhonda Gayle; to his grandchildren,
17 Jennifer Melanie Vincent and her husband, Jack, Jillian Megan
18 Haskins, Jamie Denise Haskins, and Ross Brannon Haskins; to his
19 great-grandson, Jackson Brannon Vincent; to his sister, Sarah Grace
20 McTaggart; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it
21 further

22 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
23 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
24 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of the
25 Reverend John Brannon Haskins, Sr.

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H.R. No. 154

Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 154 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on June 28, 2011.

Chief Clerk of the House