

By: Hamilton

H.R. No. 175

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of State
2 District Judge Britton E. Plunk of Silsbee, who passed away on May
3 17, 2011, at the age of 64; and

4 WHEREAS, The son of Mona and Eddie R. Plunk and a lifelong
5 resident of Silsbee, Britt Plunk was born on May 10, 1947; he
6 graduated from Silsbee High School in 1965 and attended The
7 University of Texas at Austin before transferring to Lamar
8 University, where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in 1969; he
9 then earned his juris doctorate at South Texas College of Law and
10 was admitted to the bar in 1973; and

11 WHEREAS, After working in private practice, Judge Plunk
12 joined the district attorney's office in Hardin County in 1977;
13 that same year, he married his high school sweetheart, the former
14 Jan Ford, and the couple shared 34 years together as husband and
15 wife and raised one daughter, Catherine; and

16 WHEREAS, Judge Plunk was elected as county attorney in 1983;
17 two years later, the State of Texas created the 356th Judicial
18 District Court, and he was appointed to the judgeship; area
19 residents repeatedly voted to retain him in that office, and he
20 oversaw the court until his passing; during his notable tenure, he
21 heard more than 20,000 civil and criminal cases, and he was well
22 known in the county as a fair and dedicated judge; despite his busy
23 schedule, he made time to travel to his ranch in South Texas, where
24 he enjoyed bird and deer hunting; and

1 WHEREAS, Judge Plunk led a productive life that was made rich
2 through meaningful service and accomplishments, and his
3 contributions to his community will be remembered and admired for
4 years to come; now, therefore, be it

5 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
6 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
7 of the Honorable Britton E. Plunk and extend sincere sympathy to the
8 members of his family: to his wife, Jan; to his daughter, Catherine
9 Plunk-Mauer, and her husband, Patrick; to his mother, Mona Britton
10 Plunk; to his sister, Mary Susan Plunk; and to his other relatives
11 and friends; and, be it further

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