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H.R. No. 229

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends are mourning the loss of Margaret
2 Johnson, a loving matriarch and admired businesswoman who passed
3 away on December 30, 2010, at the age of 94; and

4 WHEREAS, The daughter of Carl and Anna Heussner, the former
5 Margaret Heussner was born in Waco on November 13, 1916; in 1935,
6 she married Jack Johnson, and together they embarked on a loving
7 journey that spanned more than five decades; along the way, they
8 were blessed with a son, Bill, and with the passing years the family
9 grew to include 4 granddaughters and 12 great-grandchildren; and

10 WHEREAS, At the height of the Great Depression, the Johnsons
11 operated a grocery store on 3rd and Speight in Waco; they were known
12 for their generosity and willingness to give credit at a time when
13 others could not; for their next business venture, they founded
14 Johnson Roofing; Mr. Johnson ran the field operations while Mrs.
15 Johnson ran the office and kept the books of this very successful
16 enterprise, which is celebrating its 70th anniversary in 2011; and

17 WHEREAS, In 1952, Mr. and Mrs. Johnson brought the first
18 registered Appaloosa horses to Texas; from that purchase they built
19 one of the largest herds of that breed in the world and created the
20 JMB Appaloosa Ranch; the couple also started the Johnson Horse
21 Auction, a popular biweekly event that was a focal point of Central
22 Texas horse culture for more than three and a half decades, with
23 Mrs. Johnson serving as its secretary; and

24 WHEREAS, In recent years, Mrs. Johnson continued to take

1 great joy in attending church services and in dining out with her
2 growing family; in addition, she often invited soldiers from Fort
3 Hood to the JMB Ranch for parties and hosted a riding school for
4 children; and

5 WHEREAS, Margaret Johnson inspired those who were privileged
6 to know her with her energy, strong faith, charitable nature, and
7 commitment to her ideals, and she will long be remembered with deep
8 admiration and affection; now, therefore, be it

9 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
10 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Margaret Johnson and
11 extend sincere sympathy to the members of her family: to her son,
12 Bill Johnson, and his wife, Peggy; to her granddaughters, Sherri
13 McDonald and her husband, Bob, Shawn Brown and her husband, Kelly,
14 Gayla Dwyer and her husband, Doug, and Kellie Cashion and her
15 husband, Tony; to her great-grandchildren, Brittani, Shanna, Kody,
16 Jacob, Kevin, Erica, Jason, Kasidy, Falyn, Ryan, Matt, and Brady;
17 to her very special friend and caregiver, Archie Mae Shaw; and to
18 her other relatives and many friends; and, be it further

19 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
20 prepared for her family and that when the Texas House of
21 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Margaret
22 Johnson.