

By: King of Parker

H.R. No. 265

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The citizens of Weatherford and Parker County lost a
2 greatly admired member of their community with the death of Jack
3 Borden on January 19, 2011, at the age of 102; and

4 WHEREAS, Jack Borden was born near Weatherford on August 5,
5 1908, to John Samuel Borden and Bess Wallis; the son of
6 sharecroppers, he graduated from Weatherford College in 1931, and
7 he earned his law degree from The University of Texas in 1936; and

8 WHEREAS, Two years later, Mr. Borden was elected district
9 attorney of Parker County; during World War II, he served his nation
10 as a member of the Federal Bureau of Investigation for several
11 years, and he was a charter member of the Parker County Sheriff's
12 Posse when it was formed in 1947; and

13 WHEREAS, A practicing attorney for more than three-quarters
14 of a century, Mr. Borden was one of the leading citizens of
15 Weatherford; he sat on the board of directors of First National Bank
16 of Weatherford from 1955 to 1977, and he was the city's mayor from
17 1960 to 1964; he continued to practice law until two days before his
18 death, regularly appearing in probate court, where he loved to
19 share stories with the judge; he was considered to be the oldest
20 member of the Texas Bar as well as the nation's oldest living former
21 FBI agent; and

22 WHEREAS, This outstanding Texan garnered many awards and
23 honors through the years; he received all three of Weatherford
24 College's highest awards, including Alumnus of the Year,

1 Distinguished Alumnus, and the Carlos Hartnett Award; in 2008, he
2 was recognized as Texas' Outstanding Older Worker of the Year; he
3 was named Outstanding Citizen of Weatherford in 2005, and five
4 years later, a street was renamed Jack Borden Way in his honor; and

5 WHEREAS, An active member of First Baptist Church of
6 Weatherford since 1936, Mr. Borden served the congregation as a
7 deacon and chair of the board of deacons; he also taught Sunday
8 school for 25 years; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Borden enjoyed 66 years of marriage to the love
10 of his life, Edith Jordan Borden, who was renowned for her expertise
11 in Parker County history; he was also close to his many nieces and
12 nephews, including John Westhoff, with whom he shared a law
13 practice for nearly four decades; and

14 WHEREAS, Known for his humility, intelligence, and honesty,
15 Jack Borden leaves behind a century-long legacy of loyalty and
16 service to the community in which he spent his entire life, and he
17 will forever be remembered by his family, friends, and fellow
18 citizens; now, therefore, be it

19 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
20 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Jack Borden and extend
21 sincere condolences to the members of his family: to his brother,
22 C. B. Borden; to his nephews, John Westhoff and his wife, Sue Ann,
23 Leo W. Tiberghian III, and Eddie Borden; to his nieces, Nancy Borden
24 O'Neal, Susie Borden Gandy, Traci Layman Brown, Terri Layman Short,
25 Betty Thompson, and Linda Thompson; to his great-niece, Paige
26 Westhoff; to his great-nephew, John Trenton Westhoff, his wife,
27 Amy, and their daughter, Corrine; and to his other relatives and

1 friends; and, be it further

2 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
3 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
4 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Jack
5 Borden.