

By: Branch

H.R. No. 430

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The Lone Star State lost a preeminent native son  
2 with the death of former Texas Supreme Court chief justice Joe  
3 Greenhill of Austin, the longest-serving member of the court, who  
4 passed away on February 11, 2011, at the age of 96; and

5           WHEREAS, Judge Greenhill joined the Texas Supreme Court in  
6 1957 and presided as chief justice from 1972 to 1982; known for  
7 being meticulous and dedicated, he was an extraordinary scholar  
8 whose opinions continue to influence Texas jurisprudence; and

9           WHEREAS, A 1939 graduate of The University of Texas School of  
10 Law, Joe Greenhill served his country with distinction as a member  
11 of the U.S. Navy, working in naval intelligence and on a minesweeper  
12 in the Pacific during World War II, and then as an assistant  
13 attorney general of Texas after the war; and

14           WHEREAS, In addition to cofounding the law firm of Graves,  
15 Dougherty & Greenhill in Austin in 1950, Judge Greenhill had a  
16 distinguished legal career that concluded after more than a  
17 quarter-century with the Baker Botts law firm, where he kept  
18 regular office hours until just a few years ago; in 1989, Baker  
19 Botts established the Endowed Presidential Scholarship in Law at  
20 The University of Texas in Judge Greenhill's name; and

21           WHEREAS, Joe Greenhill was an outstanding Texan and a  
22 distinguished jurist, and his deep commitment to justice and the  
23 law will continue to resonate in countless lives for many years to  
24 come; now, therefore, be it

1           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
2 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Joe  
3 Greenhill and extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family:  
4 to his wife of 70 years, Martha; to his children, Joe Greenhill,  
5 Jr., and Bill Greenhill and his wife, Ann; to his granddaughter,  
6 Emily Pierce, and her husband, Adam; to his grandsons, Duke  
7 Greenhill, Frank Greenhill, and Joe Greenhill V and his wife,  
8 Melissa; to his great-grandchildren, Elliott Pierce and Violet  
9 Pierce; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
10 further

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