

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The passing of J. D. Thomas, Jr., of Georgetown on  
2 August 23, 2010, at the age of 91, concluded a long and productive  
3 life spent in service to others; and

4           WHEREAS, Born on June 30, 1919, to J. D. Thomas, Sr., and  
5 Laura Belle Harrell Thomas, J. D. Thomas enjoyed the companionship  
6 of six sisters and two brothers; he graduated from Georgetown High  
7 School in 1937 and later attended Texas A&M University; he left  
8 school during World War II to join the U.S. Navy and subsequently  
9 saw duty overseas; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas received his discharge from the service  
11 in 1945 and returned to Georgetown to help manage his family's  
12 ranching interests; he went on to serve for a quarter-century as  
13 assistant postmaster and postmaster of Georgetown; and

14           WHEREAS, J. D. Thomas contributed to his community as a  
15 congregant of the Georgetown Church of Christ, where he was a deacon  
16 and elder for 38 years and a song leader for 70 years; he also served  
17 on the local school board, sat on the boards of trustees of the  
18 Wallie Lock Charitable Foundation and the Hensel Memorial Camp  
19 Foundation, and held membership in VFW Post No. 8587; and

20           WHEREAS, Mr. Thomas was married first to Ruby Geraldine  
21 Gassaway, who died in 1945; fortunate enough to find love a second  
22 time, he wed Ruth Margaret LePori on July 14, 1946, and they shared  
23 a richly rewarding union of 64 years; and

24           WHEREAS, A kind and considerate man, J. D. Thomas had an

1 immeasurable impact on the lives of many people, and he will be  
2 remembered with deep affection and admiration by all who knew him;  
3 now, therefore, be it

4       RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
5 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of J. D. Thomas, Jr.,  
6 and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his  
7 wife, Ruth Thomas; to his children and their spouses, Sherron  
8 Thomas, Jerry and Janie Thomas, Janie and Lynn Harms, and Margaret  
9 and Randy Christian; to his grandchildren and their spouses, Raven  
10 and Jeff Green, Elizabeth Harms, Alicia and Matt Black, Anne-Marie  
11 and Paul Goetsch, April Harms, and Peter and Philip Christian; to  
12 his great-grandchildren, Maddie Green and Kiersten, Kate, and Eli  
13 Goetsch; to his siblings and their spouses, Alice and Lee Turner,  
14 Anne and Ralph Poteet, Martha Stone, and Bob and Margie Thomas; and  
15 to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

16       RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of J. D.  
19 Thomas, Jr.

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Straus	Gonzales of Williamson	Morrison
Aliseda	Gonzalez	Munoz, Jr.
Allen	Gooden	Murphy
Alonzo	Guillen	Naishtat
Alvarado	Gutierrez	Nash
Anchia	Hamilton	Oliveira
Anderson of Dallas	Hancock	Orr
Anderson of McLennan	Hardcastle	Otto
Aycock	Harless	Parker
Beck	Harper-Brown	Patrick
Berman	Hartnett	Paxton
Bohac	Hernandez Luna	Pena
Bonnen	Hilderbran	Perry
Branch	Hochberg	Phillips
Brown	Hopson	Pickett
Burkett	Howard of Fort Bend	Pitts
Burnam	Howard of Travis	Price
Button	Huberty	Quintanilla
Cain	Hughes	Raymond
Callegari	Hunter	Reynolds
Carter	Isaac	Riddle
Castro	Jackson	Ritter
Chisum	Johnson	Rodriguez
Christian	Keffer	Schwertner
Coleman	King of Parker	Scott
Cook	King of Taylor	Sheets
Craddick	King of Zavala	Sheffield
Creighton	Kleinschmidt	Shelton
Crownover	Kolkhorst	Simpson
Darby	Kuempel	Smith of Harris
Davis of Dallas	Landtroop	Smith of Tarrant
J. Davis of Harris	Larson	Smithee
S. Davis of Harris	Laubenberg	Solomons
Deshotel	Lavender	Strama
Driver	Legler	Taylor of Collin
Dukes	Lewis	Taylor of Galveston
Dutton	Lozano	Thompson
Eiland	Lucio III	Torres
Eissler	Lyne	Truitt
Elkins	Madden	Turner
Farias	Mallory Caraway	Veasey
Farrar	Margo	Villarreal
Fletcher	Marquez	Vo
Flynn	Martinez	Walle
Frullo	Martinez Fischer	Weber
Gallego	McClendon	White
Garza	Menendez	Woolley
Geren	Miles	Workman
Giddings	Miller of Comal	Zedler
Gonzales of Hidalgo	Miller of Erath	Zerwas

H.R. No. 530

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 530 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on March 10, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House