

By: Schwertner

H.R. No. 530

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.