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H.R. No. 619

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Memories of a life filled with joyful times and
2 meaningful accomplishments remain to comfort the family and friends
3 of John L. Kingston of Spring, who passed away on December 22, 2010,
4 at the age of 81; and

5 WHEREAS, A native of the Lone Star State, Mr. Kingston was
6 born in Austin on July 26, 1929; he grew up in Corpus Christi, where
7 he began working on the docks and waterfront at the age of 13; he
8 went on to help develop the "Billy Pugh Personnel Net," which is
9 still used today to transport crews from boats to offshore oil rigs;
10 and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Kingston embarked on his marine surveying career
12 in 1966; after working with Captain W. A. Walls and MatthewsDaniel,
13 he formed his own venture, John L. Kingston & Associates; a leader
14 in his field, he was admired for his vast knowledge of marine
15 vessels and was often called on to testify as an expert witness; he
16 was also a mentor to many, and two men who benefited from his
17 guidance went on to serve as president of the National Association
18 of Marine Surveyors; and

19 WHEREAS, Mr. Kingston shared 34 years of marriage with the
20 love of his life, Elvie Kingston, and together they supported a
21 number of conservative causes and candidates; a Texan through and
22 through, he could often be found wearing cowboy boots; and

23 WHEREAS, John Kingston enjoyed a life that was rich in the
24 intangibles that matter most, and he is deeply missed by all those

1 who held him dear; now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of John L. Kingston and
4 extend deepest sympathy to his wife, Elvie Kingston; to his brother
5 and three sisters; and to his other relatives and friends; and, be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
8 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
9 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John
10 Kingston.