

By: Anderson of McLennan

H.R. No. 1301

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Bobby Chastain of Woodway passed away on March 10,
2 2011, at the age of 85, leaving his circle of family and friends
3 with many treasured memories of time spent in his company; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Caney, Kansas, on December 24, 1925, to
5 Elias and Alma Chastain, Bob Chastain graduated from Caney High
6 School in 1943 and served his country in the U.S. Navy during World
7 War II; a member of the crew of the USS *Johnston*, he survived the
8 Battle of Leyte Gulf in the Philippines in 1944, when his ship was
9 sunk by the Japanese; he also served during the Korean War and later
10 became a founder of the Johnston Survivors' Association; and

11 WHEREAS, Mr. Chastain married Betty Lou Akin on March 4,
12 1948, and they moved to Texas six years later; he attended Baylor
13 University, earning his degree in 1958, and he held a number of
14 management positions over the course of a 35-year career with
15 Rockwell International and Hercules, Inc., before retiring in 1987;
16 he further distinguished himself as president of a local credit
17 union for many years; and

18 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Mr. Chastain enjoyed the
19 love and support of his wife of 63 years, Betty Lou Chastain, and
20 their daughter, Teresa; and

21 WHEREAS, Those fortunate enough to have shared in Bob
22 Chastain's love and friendship will remember his wonderful sense of
23 humor, his compelling stories about the navy, and his devotion to
24 his family, and they will forever carry him close in their hearts;

1 now, therefore, be it

2 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas
3 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Bob Chastain and
4 extend sincere sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,
5 Betty Lou Chastain; to his daughter, Teresa L. Ridlehuber, and her
6 husband, Evan; to his grandson, Joshua A. Baldwin, and his wife,
7 Katie; to his great-granddaughter, Lauren Baldwin; and to his other
8 relatives and friends; and, be it further

9 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
10 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
11 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Bob
12 Chastain.