

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, Clymer Lewis Wright, Jr., of Houston, who died on  
2 January 24, 2011, at the age of 79, gave freely of his time and  
3 expertise to better his community, and he leaves behind a record of  
4 service that his loved ones can remember with pride; and

5           WHEREAS, Born on July 24, 1931, Clymer Wright was a graduate  
6 of the University of Southern Mississippi and a veteran of the  
7 United States Army, in which he served during the Korean War; in the  
8 mid-1950s, as the editor of the *Fort Bend Reporter*, he worked with  
9 the Texas Rangers to rid Fort Bend County and Galveston of organized  
10 crime and gambling syndicates; he received death threats in the  
11 process but persevered in spite of the danger; he later published  
12 newspapers and worked in real estate, and for the past 18 years, he  
13 was an executive with Aflac Insurance; and

14           WHEREAS, Mr. Wright was very active in local and national  
15 politics; in 1968, he was a leader of Texans for Reagan, the effort  
16 to get then-California governor Ronald Reagan the Republican  
17 presidential nomination, and he went on to serve as the Texas  
18 finance chair for Reagan's successful 1980 campaign; he led an  
19 effort in the early 1990s to place on the ballot a measure limiting  
20 the terms of Houston's mayor, controller, and council members, and  
21 the initiative passed with more than 56 percent of the vote; more  
22 recently, he was instrumental in helping his community association  
23 win a legal battle to conserve public spaces that had been part of  
24 the Inwood Forest Golf and Country Club; and

1           WHEREAS, Together with his first wife, the former Sandra Jean  
2 Lee, Mr. Wright shared 34 years and had three children, Cindy,  
3 Clymer, and Linda; after becoming a widower, he enjoyed 20 years of  
4 marriage with the former Mary Katherine Sheftall until her death in  
5 2010; Mr. Wright supported a number of charitable groups over the  
6 years and was especially devoted to the alumni association of  
7 Southern Miss; and

8           WHEREAS, Known for his compassion and faith, Mr. Wright  
9 touched the lives of all who were privileged to know him, and he  
10 will forever hold a treasured place in their hearts; now,  
11 therefore, be it

12           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 82nd Texas  
13 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Clymer Lewis  
14 Wright, Jr., and extend sincere condolences to the members of his  
15 family: to his children, Cindy Wright Gabriel Flynn and her  
16 husband, George, Clymer Wright III and his wife, Toni, and Linda  
17 Wright Tomasetti and her husband, Barry; to his grandchildren,  
18 Laura and Julia Gabriel, Christopher Wright, and Barry, Corey, and  
19 Kerry Tomasetti; to his great-grandson, Nathan Wright; to his  
20 grandniece, Hayley Millsap; to his sister, Suzanne Gillis; to his  
21 brother, Michael Wright; and to his other relatives and friends;  
22 and, be it further

23           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
24 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
25 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Clymer  
26 Wright, Jr.

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H.R. No. 2017

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 2017 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 26, 2011.

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Chief Clerk of the House