

By: Paddie

H.R. No. 706

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, The residents of Marshall lost one of their most  
2 esteemed community leaders with the passing of Thomas L. Whaley on  
3 February 7, 2012, at the age of 82; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Paul and Margaret Whaley, Tommy Whaley  
5 was born in Waco on December 20, 1929; he attended Marshall High  
6 School and was an active member of the Boy Scouts; he enrolled in  
7 The University of Texas at Austin School of Business Administration  
8 before joining the United States Naval Air Reserve; he graduated  
9 from the University of North Texas in 1951; and

10           WHEREAS, Two years later, Mr. Whaley married Patricia Pope,  
11 and over the course of nearly six decades together, their lives were  
12 further enriched by the addition of three sons, Thomas, Benjamin,  
13 and George; and

14           WHEREAS, A proud fourth-generation citizen of Marshall, Mr.  
15 Whaley managed Logan and Whaley Co., an industrial hardware company  
16 begun by his great-grandfather; he was an original member of the  
17 Marshall Economic Development Board, and he was instrumental in  
18 encouraging many firms to come to the city; he received numerous  
19 accolades for his work, including the 1998 Citizen of the Year Award  
20 from the Marshall Chamber of Commerce, the Road-Hand Award from the  
21 Texas Department of Transportation, and the Volunteer Industrial  
22 Developer of the Year award from the Texas Industrial Development  
23 Council; in 2001, he was appointed to the Texas Department of  
24 Economic Development Governing Board and he also served as a member

1 of the Wiley College Board of Trustees; moreover, he was appointed  
2 by Governor George W. Bush to the Texas State Technical College  
3 Board of Trustees, and he remained an active member of the TSTC  
4 family for many years; and

5 WHEREAS, In addition to his involvement in the economic  
6 development of Marshall, Mr. Whaley was a devoted Episcopalian  
7 throughout his life; a valued member of Trinity Episcopal Church,  
8 he supported Trinity Episcopal School; and

9 WHEREAS, Deeply committed to his family, faith, and  
10 community, Tommy Whaley made a meaningful difference in the lives  
11 of his loved ones and fellow citizens alike, and his contributions  
12 will be remembered for years to come; now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas  
14 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of Thomas L. Whaley and  
15 extend deepest sympathy to the members of his family: to his wife,  
16 Patricia Pope Whaley; to his sons, Thomas L. Whaley and his wife,  
17 Teresea, Benjamin Pope Whaley, and George Prendergast Whaley and  
18 his wife, Annemarie; to his grandchildren, Heather Augustine and  
19 her husband, Mitch, Starr Minatrea and her husband, Russell, Wesley  
20 McDaniel and his wife, Chelsea, Chris McDaniel, and Cas Whaley and  
21 his wife, Georgia; to his great-grandchildren, Jolie, Sawyer,  
22 Brandon, Dylan, Ashleigh, and Lilly; to his brother, Paul "Pete"  
23 Whaley; and to his other relatives and many friends; and, be it  
24 further

25 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
26 prepared for the members of his family and that when the Texas House  
27 of Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Thomas

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1 Whaley.