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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family and friends will long cherish their memories
2 of Dr. Edward Durrton Johnson of Houston, who passed away on
3 November 7, 2011, at the age of 76; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Grand Junction, Colorado, on March 1, 1935,
5 the son of Sidney Wood and Bessie Dodge Johnson, Eddie Johnson moved
6 to San Antonio with his family in 1942 and then to Houston at the end
7 of the Second World War; he attended Stephen F. Austin High School
8 in the Bayou City and distinguished himself as an Eagle Scout, a
9 varsity cheerleader, and a member of the swim team; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Johnson subsequently headed to The University
11 of Texas at Austin, where he joined the Alpha Tau Omega fraternity
12 and the UT swim team; in 1957, he was named an All-American
13 collegiate swimmer and recognized with the Bob Cone Memorial Team
14 Spirit Award; after graduation, he returned to Houston to study at
15 The University of Texas School of Dentistry, where he was a member
16 of the Psi Omega fraternity; he worked as a lifeguard during dental
17 school, and one day while on duty he met a young woman named Suzanne
18 Schoenemann; the two were married in Brenham in 1959; and

19 WHEREAS, For more than half a century, Dr. Johnson ran a
20 successful dental practice in Houston; he also gave generously of
21 his time to his community as a coach, Scout volunteer, and active
22 member of Chapelwood United Methodist Church; in addition, he
23 supported the Texas Swimming Association and his undergraduate
24 fraternity, and he was recognized with awards from both

1 organizations for his contributions over the years; in 1996, he was
2 inducted into The University of Texas System Chancellor's Council;
3 and

4 WHEREAS, Along with vigorously cheering on his alma mater and
5 its sports teams, Dr. Johnson enjoyed early morning handball games
6 at the downtown Houston YMCA and spending time at his ranch in
7 Giddings; and

8 WHEREAS, In all of his endeavors, Dr. Johnson was supported
9 by his loving wife, Suzanne, with whom he shared more than five
10 decades of marriage before her passing; they became the parents of
11 three adored children, Edward, Diane, and James, who joined his
12 father's dental practice in 1991; Dr. Johnson ultimately saw his
13 family grow to include seven grandchildren; and

14 WHEREAS, Devoted to his family, profession, and community,
15 Dr. Johnson led a rich and purposeful life, and he will always be
16 remembered with great admiration and affection by all those who
17 were privileged to know him; now, therefore, be it

18 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 83rd Texas
19 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Dr. Edward Durrón
20 Johnson and extend sincere condolences to the members of his
21 family: to his children, Edward Durrón Johnson, Jr., and his wife,
22 Jean, James Burford Johnson and his wife, Martha, and Diane Johnson
23 Taaffe and her husband, Peter; to his grandchildren, Hope, Sydney,
24 and Sarah Margaret Johnson and Philip, Robert, Mary, and Michael
25 Taaffe; to his mother-in-law, Ruth Schoenemann; to his
26 brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Larry and Corliss Schoenemann;
27 and to his other relatives and friends; and, be it further

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1 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
2 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
3 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Edward
4 Durrion Johnson.