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R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Family, friends, and members of the Laredo community
2 were greatly saddened by the passing of native son Samuel Johnson
3 III on February 28, 2014, at the age of 86; and

4 WHEREAS, Born on June 17, 1927, in The Gateway City, Samuel
5 Johnson was a successful businessman who led Johnson Bottling
6 Works, the company that was founded by his grandfather; in addition
7 to contributing to his hometown through his professional
8 accomplishments, this proud Texan consistently sang the praises of
9 Laredo as a city of great talent, culture, and endless
10 possibilities; and

11 WHEREAS, Affectionately known as "Mr. Theatre," he helped
12 establish, re-energize, and support a host of organizations
13 dedicated to the arts; among the groups that benefited from his
14 enthusiasm and efforts, whether from center stage or behind the
15 scenes, were the Laredo Little Theatre, the Webb County Heritage
16 Foundation, the Laredo Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Laredo
17 Theater Guild International; and

18 WHEREAS, Samuel Johnson was an admired ambassador for the
19 city of Laredo and an inspiration to countless residents, and he
20 leaves behind a legacy that will continue to resonate for many years
21 to come; now, therefore, be it

22 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas
23 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of Samuel Johnson III
24 and extend sincere condolences to all those who mourn his passing;

1 and, be it further

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