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H.R. No. 708

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, Residents of Sabine County lost an admired public  
2 official and a cherished friend with the passing of the Honorable  
3 Charles Edward Watson on April 8, 2014, at the age of 78; and

4 WHEREAS, Born in Centralia on October 6, 1935, to O. B. and  
5 Mary Watson, Charles Watson served in the United States Air Force  
6 from 1955 to 1959; following his return to civilian life, he enjoyed  
7 a successful career with CenterPoint Energy that spanned more than  
8 three and a half decades; and

9 WHEREAS, This esteemed gentleman moved to Rosevine in 1996  
10 and was first elected to public office a decade later, when the  
11 voters of Sabine County selected him as county judge; his  
12 exceptional efforts earned him reelection in 2010, and he continued  
13 to gain the respect of colleagues and area residents alike; known  
14 for his encouraging attitude and his concern for others, Judge  
15 Watson worked tirelessly to advance the common good and exemplified  
16 the highest standards of public service; and

17 WHEREAS, A caring husband and father, Judge Watson shared  
18 many rewarding years with his wife, Barbara, and took great pride in  
19 their three children, Wyatt, Damon, and Deena; with the passing of  
20 time, he also had the pleasure of seeing his family grow to include  
21 8 grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren; Judge Watson attended  
22 First United Methodist Church in Hemphill, where he was a valued  
23 member of the congregation; and

1           WHEREAS, Devoted to his family and his community, Charles  
2 Watson made a meaningful difference in the lives of his loved ones  
3 and fellow citizens alike, and although he is deeply missed, his  
4 contributions will be fondly remembered for years to come; now,  
5 therefore, be it

6           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 84th Texas  
7 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the life of the Honorable Charles  
8 Edward Watson and extend sincere sympathy to the members of his  
9 family: to his wife, Barbara Watson; to his sons and their spouses,  
10 Wyatt Watson and his wife, Vicky, and Damon Watson and his wife,  
11 Sherry; to his daughter, Deena Nutt, and her husband, Harold; to his  
12 sisters and their spouses, Fayrene Tomlinson and her husband, Ray,  
13 and Barbara Laughlin and her husband, Jimmy; to his grandchildren  
14 and great-grandchildren; and to his other relatives and many  
15 friends; and, be it further

16           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
17 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
18 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Judge  
19 Charles E. Watson.