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H.R. No. 24

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, A rich and purposeful life drew to a close with the
2 passing of John Benton Love of Mount Vernon on June 30, 2017, at the
3 age of 69; and

4 WHEREAS, A native of Glen Allan, Mississippi, John Love was
5 born on September 10, 1947, to Robert and Lillian Love; after
6 graduating from Greenville High School, he continued his education
7 and ultimately earned his Ph.D. in educational psychology from
8 Mississippi State University; he also answered his nation's call to
9 duty by serving in the Mississippi Army National Guard; and

10 WHEREAS, Dr. Love enjoyed a rewarding career in education
11 that included positions as an art teacher, coach, and principal at
12 the secondary level in Mississippi; after relocating to Tyler, he
13 spent more than a decade as a principal at Douglas and Andy Woods
14 Elementary Schools before becoming director of the Discovery
15 Science Place, where he oversaw the museum's creation and is
16 credited with building a number of the exhibits that remain on
17 display there; he later returned to academia and taught at
18 Southeastern Oklahoma State University and Jarvis Christian
19 College; in recent years, he dedicated himself to developing his
20 craft as an artist; and

21 WHEREAS, Committed to his local community, Dr. Love shared
22 his time and talents with the Franklin County Historical
23 Association and the Franklin County Arts Alliance; and

24 WHEREAS, Although he will be greatly missed, John Love made a

1 profound impact on countless young people through his contributions
2 as an educator, and all those who had the privilege of knowing him
3 will forever hold him close in their hearts; now, therefore, be it

4 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 85th Texas
5 Legislature, 1st Called Session, hereby pay tribute to the memory
6 of John Benton Love and extend heartfelt sympathy to the members of
7 his family: to his beloved Sandra Love; to his children,
8 Christopher, Elissa, and Ben; to his grandchildren, Russell, Gray,
9 Alison, Harper, August, Quentin, Morgan, and Niu Niu; and, be it
10 further

11 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
12 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of
13 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of John Love.