

R E S O L U T I O N

1           WHEREAS, George Houston White of Rusk, an admired civic  
2 leader and friend to many, passed away on May 3, 2019, at the age of  
3 106; and

4           WHEREAS, The son of Anthony Calvin White and Effie Lorene  
5 Dunn White, Houston White was born in Colorado City on January 12,  
6 1913, and grew up with three brothers and two sisters; he lived on  
7 the family farm until his parents moved to the Jacksonville, Texas,  
8 area; in his final year at Jacksonville College, he played on the  
9 1936 state championship basketball team; and

10           WHEREAS, Mr. White served his country in the U.S. Navy during  
11 World War II, and he was based in Jacksonville, Florida; after  
12 returning home, he embarked on a career in hotel management; he  
13 later worked as chief claims officer for Rusk State Hospital until  
14 his retirement in 1978; and

15           WHEREAS, Dedicated to his community, Mr. White was a member  
16 of the city council, and he served a term as president of the Rusk  
17 Chamber of Commerce; he was instrumental in the founding of the Rusk  
18 Rotary Club in 1948 and held numerous leadership roles, including  
19 secretary, president, and district governor; for well over six  
20 decades, he maintained a perfect attendance record, and even in his  
21 final year, he continued to volunteer for the group whenever he  
22 could; a man of strong faith, he was a valued member of First  
23 Baptist Church of Rusk and served as a Sunday School teacher and  
24 deacon for many years; and

1           WHEREAS, On several occasions, Mr. White served as grand  
2 marshal of the Rusk Fourth of July Parade; his many accolades  
3 included selection as the 2014 Citizen of the Year by the Rusk  
4 Chamber of Commerce, and in 2017, the Houston White Rotary Pavilion  
5 was named in his honor; and

6           WHEREAS, Mr. White was predeceased by his wives, Katherine  
7 Dorris White and Freddy Banks Dear White; devoted to his family, he  
8 took great pride in his son, George, his grandson, Christopher, and  
9 his great-granddaughters, Katherine and Elizabeth; and

10           WHEREAS, Throughout his long life, Houston White gave freely  
11 of his time and talents to benefit his community, and his  
12 contributions will be fondly remembered for years to come; now,  
13 therefore, be it

14           RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 86th Texas  
15 Legislature hereby pay tribute to the memory of George Houston  
16 White and extend sincere condolences to his loved ones; and, be it  
17 further

18           RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be  
19 prepared for his family and that when the Texas House of  
20 Representatives adjourns this day, it do so in memory of Houston  
21 White.

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H.R. No. 1576

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Speaker of the House

I certify that H.R. No. 1576 was unanimously adopted by a rising vote of the House on May 17, 2019.

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Chief Clerk of the House