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H.R. No. 1576

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.