BY Nugent

H.S.R. NO. 180

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, On Sunday, March 19, 1966, former Governor Coke R. Stevenson will be recognized by the citizens of his hometown and Kimble County, and the Texas State Historical Survey Committee, when an Official Texas Historical Marker is dedicated in his honor at Junction; and

WHEREAS, Governor Stevenson was the first Speaker of the Texas House of Representatives to succeed himself (1935-1937), and was also the first Texas governor to serve more than two terms (1941-1947); and

WHEREAS, A lifetime resident of Kimble County, he was born on March 20, 1888, the son of pioneer settlers, R. M. and Virginia Hurley Stevenson; although he attended school only 22 months, he studied throughout his life; he became proficient in bookkeeping through study as he camped by water holes before a mesquite fire; and

WHEREAS, At 20½ his disabilities of minority were removed by a court, so that he could become a bank cashier in Junction, a position from which he rose to bank president; he continued to study, and was soon licensed to practice law; his marriage to the former Miss Fay Wright followed soon after, and he built their home with his own hands with lumber salvaged from two other residences; and

WHEREAS, His political career began in the county attorney's office, where he served two terms; he next became county judge, and in 1933, when he was taking his legislative seat for the third time, he was elected Speaker of the House; in 1935, the House broke precedent to re-elect him Speaker; and

WHEREAS, Following a fifth term in the House, he was elected Lieutenant Governor in 1938, and was re-elected in 1940; and

WHEREAS, On August 8, 1941, he took the oath of office as Governor of Texas to serve an unexpired term, but the early months of his service in the State's highest office were marked by sorrow when Mrs. Stevenson, First Lady for only a few months, died after a lingering illness; and

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RESOLUTION

Congratulating Former Governor
Coke R. Stevenson.

DATE MAR 14 1967

READ AND ADOPTED

Dorothy Hallman
CHIEF CLERK
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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