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CONNALLY-MANCHESTER (240)

AUSTIN, TEX., JAN. 13. (AP)-THE TEXAS HOUSE AND SENATE PASSED RESOLUTIONS YESTERDAY COMMENDING GOV. JOHN CONNALLY FOR HIS DECISION TO TELL HIS STORY OF PRESIDENT KENNEDY'S ASSASSINATION.

THE RESOLUTION QUICKLY PASSED IN THE HOUSE, BUT THERE WAS OPPOSITION TO IMMEDIATE PASSAGE IN THE SENATE.

THE HOUSE RESOLUTION SAID CONNALLY ACTED "WITH GREAT PERSONAL RELUCTANCE" AND "DIGNITY" AT HIS TUESDAY NEWS CONFERENCE CRITICIZING THE FIRST MAGAZINE INSTALLMENT OF WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S BOOK, "DEATH OF A PRESIDENT."

IN THE SENATE, THE RESOLUTION WAS ADOPTED ON VOICE VOTE AFTER A MOTION TO SEND THE MEASURE TO A COMMITTEE FOR FURTHER STUDY FAILED 15-6. OPPONENTS SAID THEY HAD NOT READ MANCHESTER'S BOOK AND THOUGHT MORE STUDY SHOULD BE GIVEN THE RESOLUTION.

SEN. DORSEY HARDEMAN SPONSORED THE SENATE RESOLUTION, WHICH COMMENDED CONNALLY "IN HIS DECISION TO SET RIGHT THE RECORD OF EVENTS SURROUNDING" KENNEDY'S TRIP TO TEXAS IN 1963 WHEN HE WAS ASSASSINATED IN DALLAS NOV. 22, AT THE SAME TIME CONNALLY WAS SEVERELY WOUNDED.

CONNALLY SAID THE MANCHESTER BOOK'S FIRST INSTALLMENT ". . . IS FILLED WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT BASED ON UNFOUNDED RUMOR, DISTORTION AND INCONSISTENCY" WHICH "CANNOT QUALIFY AS FACTUAL HISTORY" WITH ITS "RECITATION OF RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS COLLECTED AND REFLECTED THROUGH THE PRISMS OF PREJUDICE."

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