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CONNOLLY-MANCHESTER (230)

AUSTIN, TEX., JAN. 12 (AP)-THE TEXAS SENATE AND HOUSE PASSED SIMILAR RESOLUTIONS TODAY PRAISING GOV. JOHN CONNALLY FOR HIS ACTIONS AND DECISION TO "RECORD THE FACTS" FOLLOWING THE SERIALIZATION OF WILLIAM MANCHESTER'S "DEATH OF A PRESIDENT."

SEN. DORSEY HARDEMAN'S RESOLUTION RESOLVED THAT THE SENATE "DOES HEREBY CONDEMN THE PUBLICATION OF SUCH 'DISTORTIONS, RUMORS AND INCONSISTENCIES' OF IRRESPONSIBLE WRITERS IN CONNECTION WITH THE 'TRIP AND TRAGEDY' OF NOV. 22, 1963, AND THAT IT COMMENDS HONORABLE JOHN B. CONNALLY, AS GOVERNOR OF TEXAS, FOR HIS DECISION TO BREAK HIS SILENCE AND RECORD THE FACTS SURROUNDING THE EVENTS..."

CONNALLY, SEVERELY WOUNDED WHEN KENNEDY WAS KILLED, TOLD A NEWS CONFERENCE TUESDAY THAT THE FIRST SERIALIZATION OF THE BOOK IN LOOK MAGAZINE "IS FILLED WITH EDITORIAL COMMENT BASED ON UNFOUNDED RUMOR, DISTORTION AND INCONSISTENCE" WHICH "CANNOT QUALIFY AS FACTUAL HISTORY" WITH ITS "RECITATION OF RECOLLECTIONS AND OBSERVATIONS COLLECTED AND REFLECTED THROUGH THE PRISMS OF PREJUDICE." HE SAID HE PLANS TO WRITE HIS OWN VERSION.

THE HOUSE RESOLUTION PAID TRIBUTE TO CONNALLY "FOR THE FORTHRIGHT MANNER WITH WHICH HE HAS CONDUCTED HIMSELF AND FOR THE DISTINCTION WHICH HE GIVES TO THE OFFICE OF GOVERNOR OF TEXAS." IT SAID "IT IS WELL UNDERSTOOD" THAT HE DECIDED TO COMMENT "ONLY AFTER MUCH SOUL-SEARCHING AND RESISTANCE TO REPEATED EFFORTS BY THE PRESS AND OTHERS" TO OBTAIN COMMENTS ABOUT THE ASSASSINATION.

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